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## Turks Suffered Enormous Losses Around Erzerum

**The Fort Ditches Were Choked by the Mass of Bodies--- Fall of Great Fortress Will Have Wholesome Effect on Public Opinion in the Balkans.**

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—The Turkish losses at Erzerum were enormous, most of the forts having been taken at the point of the bayonet. In the sanguinary encounters the fort ditches, it is reported, were filled up by the mass of bodies, which choked them.

The town of Erzerum is practically intact, only a few of the government buildings and stores, on the southern side, having been blown up and fired by the departing Turks.

The majority of the ordinance captured also was left intact, with the stores of ammunition, the Turks in only a few cases having retained a sufficient soldierly spirit to destroy their guns and explode the ammunition.

### U. S. Ambassador Said to Have Been Chosen By Turkey to Sound Russia on Peace Terms

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Saloniki correspondent of the Daily Mail, referring to the effects of the capture of Erzerum, mentions a rumor, as yet unconfirmed, that the American Ambassador to Turkey, Henry Morgenthau, has been appointed by Turkey with a view to sounding Russia on the question of a separate peace. The Turks, according to this correspondent, are also reported to be strengthening their defences at Chatalja and Adrianople, while 100,000 Bulgars have been withdrawn from Serbia for the Danube front of Roumania.

The correspondent says the fall of Erzerum will have a great effect on public opinion in the Balkans. He adds that Greece seems to be swinging in favor of the Allies, who are daily receiving reinforcements at Saloniki and are strengthening their positions.

### The Government of Montenegro Will Not Negotiate a Separate Treaty of Peace

PARIS, Feb. 22.—A reported statement by the Austrian Ambassador in Madrid that the Montenegrin ministers who had remained in the country proposed that King Nicholas should authorize them to make peace with the Austrians, has caused Lazare Micochitch, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, of Montenegro, to issue a statement. It says:

"If the King and the chief of his government were obliged to leave Montenegro to escape from the enemy, after giving strict orders that no negotiations be undertaken with the enemy under any pretext, it is certainly not likely that they would today accept suggestions from persons who are under coercion by the invaders.

The King and legal government of Montenegro are in the same position as the kings and governments of Belgium and Serbia. Montenegro has been placed by her rulers under the protection of her great Allies, who have given assurance that no separate negotiations will be made with the enemy."

An Overseas News Agency despatch from Berlin dated Feb. 17 said that according to information from the Spanish Foreign Office, the Spanish ambassador at Vienna, at the request of the Austro-Hungarian government, had asked the Spanish government whether King Alfonso would consent to serve as intermediary between the Montenegrin officials remaining in Montenegro and King Nicholas in France, and forward to the latter the request of the former that they be authorized to conclude peace.

### Bulgarians are Given a Free Hand and Will be Allowed to Run the Military Machine

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Athens correspondent of the London Daily Mail, in a despatch filed February 19, expresses the opinion that any idea of a Teutonic-Bulgarian-Turkish advance in Macedonia may be definitely abandoned. He says:

"Nothing now remains for them but to wait as well as they may for the onset of the Allied troops.

"There were 120,000 Austro-German troops in the Balkans. They are giving the Bulgarians a free hand, allowing them to do much as they please. This is most significant, because in any sphere where the Germans intend to remain they have taken the running of the military machine into their own hands. The Bulgarians are disappointed because of the shortage of food, as all of it goes to Germany.

### GERMANY CLAIMS THAT THE LOSS OF ERZERUM HAS NO MILITARY IMPORTANCE

BERLIN, Feb. 22 (via London).—It is stated that no further details have been received here regarding the fall of Erzerum other than those contained in official Russian reports, but that the military authorities of Germany consider that while the loss of the fortresses is deeply regretted, the incident is without military importance. They assert confidently that it will have no influence on the conduct of the campaign on the Caucasian and Irak fronts, that the mountain barrier westward of Erzerum presents insurmountable barriers for the Russians, and there is no cause for being disquieted over events.

## SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S WAR NEWS

(Canadian Press.)

The Turks lost heavily in the fighting resulting in the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, according to a Petrograd despatch today, which estimates their losses as 40,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Following up their victory energetically, the Russians are pursuing the Turks westward from Erzerum as well as to the north and south, as the Turkish forces have split and fled in all directions.

The different Ottoman troops, according to Petrograd advices, have been cut off from communication with each other, while the Russians are declared to have solidified their own line, so that their advance is rapidly becoming a forward drive along an unbroken front from the Black Sea to Mush, west of Lake Van.

On the north, Trebizond is threatened, the Russians having pushed close to the Black Sea port in their operations along the coast, while the Russian sfrom Erzerum are reported nearing the coast city.

Judge McKeown of St. John, is a guest at the Barker.

## LORD BRYCE SAYS AMERICAN SYMPATHY IS WITH ALLIES

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Feb. 22.—Viscount Bryce, who heads the British delegation of twenty-five members of both houses of parliament to the Anglo-French parliamentary committee which is to hold meetings here today and on Wednesday and Thursday, has given an interview to the Paris Journal.

"The situation in the United States is much too complicated and changes too quickly from day to day," he said, "for me to be able to form any conjectures as to the manner in which events concerning the Washington government are liable to develop. There is, however, one thing which should be known and that is that the sympathies of the great majority of the American people go out clearly and indisputably to the Allies. I never had the slightest fear of real difficulties arising between the United States and the Allies, because it is hardly necessary for me to say that there are historical reasons why a genuine friendship should be felt in the United States for France and Great Britain.

Pleased Over Fall of Erzerum.

Lord Bryce expresses his satisfaction at the fall of Erzerum. He said: "The cause of the Armenians is specially dear to me. There is no people in the world who have suffered more. It has not been so much the victim of religious fanaticism as of cold-blooded, premeditated hatred on the part of the brigands who term themselves the Turkish government, and who do not intend to permit the existence of any national vitality except in their own elements."

Although he had only just got in touch with the members of the French senate and chamber, who are to take part in the conferences, Lord Bryce already felt that the meetings and the exchanges of views would be of great benefit both during and after the war.

"The greatest problem which the Allied governments will have to face at the end of hostilities," he said, "will be the creation of some instrument, able for all time to prevent a conflagration such as now plunges Europe in desolation."

## MEMBERS TESTIFY AT OTTAWA ENQUIRY

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—At the resumption of the Parliament Building fire investigation today, W. A. Charlton, M. P., told of his escape via the basement from room 115, when he heard the alarm. From his knowledge of the inflammable nature of the reading room and adjoining corridors, he would have expected the fire to spread as fast as one could run. He had heard no explosions.

Deputy Speaker E. N. Rhodes said that from seven to ten minutes after the alarm he had heard two or three loud explosions such as he had heard before at fires.

"I do not think they indicated anything unusual," he testified. "They might have been the glass from the ceiling of the Commons chamber falling on the desks."

C. M. McCormack, clerk in the library, denied that there had been any looting by the 77th Battalion. A large collection of coins was untouched and if there had been any tendency to pilfer the soldiers could have filled their pockets with them.

Mayor Martin of Montreal, member for St. Marys division, gave a dramatic description of the outbreak of the fire. He had heard two explosions and had then run into the Commons to give the alarm.

E. A. Lesueur, a chemical engineer of 26 years' standing, said that a fire such as described by Mayor Martin was not caused in any ordinary manner, but resembled one started with chemicals or an incendiary bomb.

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What disposition was made of the prisoner is not known.

### German Arrested On Tip From Wife

Windsor, Feb. 22.—Fred Schenck, 30 years old, who admits he is a German, is under arrest here on the "tip" of his wife, who lives in Chicago. According to the immigration officers, he made threats before leaving home that he "was going to do some damage in Canada."

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## LORD DERBY WILL HAVE CHARGE OF GREAT BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCES

**Has Recruited Over One Million Men For the Army---Lord Robert Cecil May Have Charge of the Naval Blockade.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables this morning:

"I am informed that the organization of the air defence of Britain is to be entrusted to Lord Derby, whose recruiting campaign has added more than one million men to the army, and that when he has co-ordinated the naval and military air services the post of director general of military aeronautics will be conferred on General Sir David Henderson, who is an aviator expert, assisted by Brigadier General Trenchard, who has had much experience in aviation and is now aide-de-camp to the King.

"Lord Derby, it is understood, is to be air member of the cabinet, and it is also understood that Lord Robert Cecil is to be raised to cabinet rank and entrusted with the responsibility of rigid enforcement of the naval blockade of Germany and Austria. I have met Lord Robert many times, and I believe the minister, while exercising due care of the rights of neutrals, will soon make Germany feel the pinch of hunger and the want of materials with which to wage successfully her terrible war. "The creation of these two new posts is convincing evidence that Britain finally is awake to the monumental efforts required to win the war.

### Believed That German Seaplanes Were Conveyed to English Coast by Submarines

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: "It is reported that the German seaplanes which raided the east coast of England Sunday were transported to within a short distance of the shore by submarines. If the suspicion is correct, it accounts for the fact that the invaders were not discovered until they made their appearance over British territory.

A naval correspondent of the Evening News considers such an accomplishment feasible, and points to the fact that at the time of the raid by British aviators on Cuxhaven, three powerful seaplanes were taken into the neighborhood of Heligoland by British channel steamers constructed for the service.

After the raid, it is said, these planes were picked up again by the carriers and brought back to England. During the trip the carriers were convoyed by fleet destroyers and light cruisers under the command of Commodore Tyrwhit.

Several types of aeroplanes now in use among the belligerents can fold so as to occupy a small space, and it is entirely reasonable that Sunday's raiders were transported by submarines.

### FRENCH COMMANDER IN THE BALKANS HAS CONFERENCE WITH KING CONSTANTINE

ATHENS, Feb. 22 (via Paris).—General Sarraill, the French commander in the Balkans, who yesterday had an audience with King Constantine, which the King afterwards declared had done much toward clearing up the differences between Greece and the Entente powers, is likewise pleased at the result of his visit with the Greek monarch.

"He is a fine figure of a man," said General Sarraill to the Associated Press correspondent after his audience with the King. "It was a pleasure to compliment him on the general appearance of the Greek soldiers I have seen in Saloniki. Our conversation will be most useful in the relations between the Allies and Greece. The King is a soldier and quick to understand our problems and has a cordial attitude toward them."

### TURKISH LOSSES 40,000 AT ERZERUM.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 22 (via London).—According to the latest despatches reaching Petrograd from the Caucasian front, the Turkish losses at Erzerum are estimated at 40,000 killed and wounded and prisoners.

### BULGARIA APOLOGIZED.

ATHENS, Feb. 21.—The Bulgarian Government has made apologies to the Greek government for the arrest of a diplomatic messenger and the seizure of legation documents, while the messenger was on his way from Constantinople to Athens.

### TURKISH OFFICIAL REPORT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 22 (via London).—The following official statement was given out here today: "No news has been received from various fronts of any important change."

### Will Not Attack Unarmed Liners

Washington, Feb. 28.—Confidential advices from Berlin today indicate

that Germany soon will inform the United States that her previous assurances that unarmored liners will not be attacked without warning held good for future submarine operations; provided, however, that such liners do not carry armament.