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## RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED NINE FORTS FROM THE TURKS

### Germans Likely to Delay Proposed Attack on Saloniki

**General Von MacKenzen Quoted as Saying That Such a Course Would be Inadvisable---Russians Capture More Turkish Forts---Severe Fighting on Italian Front.**

GENEVA, via Paris, Feb. 15.—The Bucharest newspaper Adeverul at a review of the German, Austrian and Bulgarian troops in Macedonia, says Field Marshal Von Mackensen, informed the staffs that an attack on Saloniki at the present time was inadvisable. The best policy, he is quoted as having said, was to retain the Entente allied forces in Saloniki and prevent them from being used on other fronts.

Another Bucharest report received here says the temporary inactivity is due to the excessive demands of Bulgaria regarding the occupied territory in Serbia. Germany, it is said, is doing everything to avoid offending Greece. The report also says that the rumors of misunderstandings between Germans and Bulgars are unfounded.

### Italian Official Report Tells of Heavy Artillery Duels on the Upper Isonzo

ROME, via London, Feb. 16.—The following official communication has been issued by the War Office:

"An intense artillery duel continues on the upper Isonzo. Enemy entrenchments and shelters have been demolished in the Mirzi and Vodil sectors in the Montenegro district. In Podgoria our patrols ventured close to the Austrian trenches and threw numerous bombs into them. On the Carso plateau our artillery destroyed Austria trenches and put to flight the defenders, a number of whom were killed by our fire.

Enemy aviators have been observed over Brehonice, in the Lagarina Valley, over Schio, in the Leagra Valley, and over Litsana, on the Tagliamento plain. They caused slight damage, the few victims of their attacks being among the civilian population. The bombardment of Schio was stopped by a squadron of our aviators. Near Gorizia one of our aviators attacked an Austrian aviator and put him to flight."

### Montenegrins Revolt Against Ill-Treatment By the Austrians, and Make Trouble

ROME, via Paris, Feb. 16.—The Durazzo correspondent of the Idea Nazionale telegraphs that the Montenegrins in the Kasoyevici, Piavo and Gusinge districts, goaded by the ill-usage of the Austrians, have revolted with such success that the Austrian authorities have been obliged to send to Scutari for reinforcements. The Montenegrins, backed by arms and ammunition which they had hidden, continue to resist.

When they entered the country, the correspondent adds, the Austrians announced that quantities of provisions would arrive immediately, but as soon as the territory was occupied they carried off the little that remained and the population everywhere is dying of hunger, although money is abundant.

Austria is seeking to control the movement by hanging all the leaders, and the situation appeared serious enough to summon more troops from Matia.

### RUSSIAN OFFICIAL REPORT ANNOUNCES

#### THE CAPTURE OF NINE TURKISH FORTS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 15, via London, Feb. 16.—The War Office has issued tonight the following supplement to the official communication of the day:

"In addition to the two Erzerum forts already announced as captured by our forces, seven other forts have been taken. There is thus a total of nine Erzerum forts now in our hands."

#### ROUMANIAN RESERVISTS CALLED.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A Havas despatch filed at Athens yesterday says the Roumanian consul at Saloniki has invited all reservists remaining in that city to return to Roumania immediately.

### French Recapture Trench Sections

Paris, Feb. 16 (via London).—The following statement was given out at the War Office this afternoon: "There were no important events last night. In the Champagne we recaptured, by means of attacks with hand grenades, certain trench sections to the east of the road from Tahure to Soume-Py."

Plymouth, Feb. 16.—The crew of the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru reached this port last night on a steamer which rescued them in mid-Atlantic after they had abandoned their steamer in a sinking condition.

### SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S WAR NEWS

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 16.—While France and Flanders are the fields of military activity that just now commend chief attention, the operations of the Russians in their Caucasus campaign are developing notable points of interest. The newest departure comes with Petrograd's announcement of the capture of nine of the forts of the Turkish stronghold of Erzerum, the chief city of Turkish Armenia.

Military critics link the operations of the Russians in this campaign and that in Persia with the British struggle in Mesopotamia, pointing to possible convergence of the Allied forces. Not much attention was paid for many months to the Caucasus campaign, the Russians apparently having small forces in the district.

With the appointment of Grand Duke Nicholas to the chief command in this field of war, however, it was hinted that important developments might be looked for, and within the past few weeks the Russian advance has been steady, although adverse weather conditions are declared to have interfered seriously with the operations.

## EX-SENATOR ROOT SCORES PRESIDENT WILSON'S POLICY

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Feb. 16.—In a speech filled with caustic criticism of the Wilson administration in respect to its foreign policy, former United States Senator Elihu Root, as the chairman of the Republican State Convention, sounded here last night what was regarded as the keynote of the Republican national campaign.

When he opened an attack upon President Wilson's Mexican policy, he was repeatedly interrupted with applause, but the first prolonged outburst of cheers came when Mr. Root, turning to European affairs, denounced the President's policy as one of making threats and failing to make them good. He denounced the failure of the United States government to protest against the invasion of Belgium.

"If the public opinion of the world,"

he said, "were to remain silent on that, neutral upon that, then all talk about peace and justice and international law and the rights of man, the progress of humanity and the spread of liberty is idle patter—mere weak sentimentality."

Continuing, Senator Root said: "We have not been following the path of peace. We have been blindly stumbling along the road that, if continued in, will lead to inevitable war. Our diplomacy has dealt with symptoms and ignored causes. The great decisive question upon which our peace depends is the question whether the rule of action applied to Belgium is to be tolerated. If it is tolerated by the civilized world, this nation will have to fight for its life. There will be no escape. That is the critical point of defence for the peace of America."

### Punch's Cartoon On President Wilson

London, Feb. 16.—The Chronicle, in an editorial article this morning takes "Punch" to task for disrespect to President Wilson. Punch this week, in its chief cartoon represents Uncle Sam addressing the prophet Job on the subject of President Wilson's attitude towards Germany, and boasting that America possessed in Wilson a man able to knock the spots off Job's record for patience.

The Chronicle says that such attacks are neither good form nor good policy, and that Punch makes exactly the same mistake by which German propagandists made themselves so intensely disliked.

### SOLDIERS AT CALGARY STILL DOING C. B.

Calgary, Feb. 16.—The city was perfectly quiet last night, but the soldiers are still confined to barracks, and military guards are maintained.

Dr. O. B. Price, M. P. P., Moncton, is at the Barker.

### One Fatality In A Toronto Fire

Toronto, Feb. 16.—A loud explosion and an immediate burst of flame in the third story of the American Club, 17 to 19 Wellington Street West, was the commencement of a fire which completely gutted the premises and caused the death of one guest, P. S. Haiston, of Dallas, Texas, fatal injury to Edward Johnson, caretaker of an adjoining building, and serious injury to Capt. A. R. Minard, paymaster of the 97th Battalion (American Legion), who was staying at the club.

The property damage is estimated at \$50,000. Deputy Fire Chief Russell, who was in charge of the fire, stated this morning that the fire was incendiary.

### GREAT DAMAGE BY EXPLOSION.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 16.—William Hulise was blown to atoms, a shed was completely obliterated, and an automobile track torn to fragments by an explosion of nitro-glycerine near Bear. Great damage to property in the village resulted.

### ERZERUM FALLS TO RUSSIANS.

London, Feb. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that Erzerum has been captured by the Russians.

## DISASTROUS FIRE ON BROOKLYN WATER FRONT EARLY THIS MORNING

**Two Steamers and a 900 Foot Pier Destroyed---Steamers Were Loading Munitions For the Russian Government-- Fire Likely of Incendiary Origin**

(Canadian Press.)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The steamers Bolton Castle and Pacific, and a 900 foot pier belonging to the New York Dock Company, at the foot of Pioneer street, Brooklyn, were destroyed early today by the most disastrous fire on the Brooklyn water front in years.

Another steamer, the Pallazid, was damaged, about twenty-five scows and lighters were partly or wholly burned, and upwards of forty of the coolies from the Bolton Castle and the Pacific were missing after the fire. The loss is estimated at considerably more than \$1,000,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but suspicions that it was incendiary are aroused because of the fact that some of the steamers were loading with war munitions, some of which were intended for shipment to the Russian government, to be delivered at Vladivostok.

A watchman on board the Bolton Castle discovered that the buildings on the pier were on fire soon after one o'clock this morning. The blaze spread so rapidly that the officers and the crews of the steamers and the lighters lying at the pier, after a vain effort to prevent the spread of the flames to their vessels, were compelled either to leap overboard or to seek safety on board other lighters or lugs which hastened to the rescue.

### MANY AMENDMENTS TO THE ADDRESS IN THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON, Feb. 16.—No fewer than 55 amendments to the address in reply to the King's speech were down for discussion when the debate was resumed in the House today. The majority of the amendments are unimportant, but some raise serious issues, which promise lively discussions.

A list of 165 questions addressed to Ministers is also to be disposed of. The amendments include one by William Joynton-Hicks on defence measures against Zeppelin raids. It was expected the government's reply would be made by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under-secretary for War. The requisitioning of shipping was brought forward in an amendment proposed by Robert Houston, Unionist member for the West Textile division of Liverpool.

Charles P. Trevelyan, Liberal member for Ellend division of Yorkshire, has given notice of a motion calling on the Government to announce the general terms on which it would be willing to enter into negotiations with a view to bringing about a just and lasting peace. Another peace amendment was sponsored by Arthur Ponsonby, Liberal member for Stillingburgh, who suggested the establishment of an international tribunal to which diplomatic disputes should be referred in future.

### GERMANS SHOT DOWN BELGIANS.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 16.—According to the Echo Belge, three persons were killed and ten wounded at Assendo, Belgium, when German soldiers fired into a crowd assembled to protest against further German requisitions.

### ALLIES TO INDEMNIFY GREEKS.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—The French and British ministers to Greece have given assurances to the Greek Government that the Allies will pay indemnities to all merchants and private individuals who suffered damage from the recent Zeppelin raids on Saloniki, a Havas despatch received from Athens says. Payments are to be made after the Balkan campaign is ended.

### BUTTER SCARCE IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, Feb. 15, via London, Feb. 1.—The members of the magistracies in greater Berlin held a conference today over the uniform distribution of the butter supply, and decided to introduce butter cards, similar in their application to bread cards early in the war. The amount of butter to be allowed each person has not yet been determined.