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NEWS FROM THE ROUMANIAN FRONT IS OF A CHEERING NATURE

Teutons Meet With Serious Check on Roumanian Front

Russo-Roumanian Armies are in Possession of Strong Position---The Enemy Powerless to Dislodge Them---Huns Are Unprepared for a Winter Campaign.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—The correspondent of the Times with the Rou-hours while the orders were being car manian army, telegraphing January 24th, says: "The general sum of the ried out. situation on this front is a stalemate for the present. All enemy efforts during the last two weeks have been checked with great losses, by the Russo-Roumanian armies, which are holding a fixed front on the line of the Trotus and Sereth. The line is at present so strong that the enemy seems unable to strike another blow.

"The enemy realizes that this is the case and appears to have decided to & Co., and the Woolworth 5-and-10c. withdraw part of his forces from this front, where only four or five German fire which threatened at one time to nights, and the booming of heavy guns is heard on nearly every divisions remain. The rest of the German forces have been relieved by sweep through the business centre of the city. Turkish and Austrian troops. On the front south of Galatz and in the Trotus valley no Bulgarian units are left except some artillery.

"Very rough weather hinders any kind of operations on a considerable scale. I saw some recently captured German prisoners who appeared absolutely unprepared for a winter campaign, all wearing very thin summer clothes. Some died on the road while marching to internment camps, and the deaths among them would certainly be more frequent but for the fact destroyed by fire today. The owners that the Roumanian soldiers who escort them often lend their own coats."

ROME, via Paris, Jan. 30.—The Austrian destroyer Hussear was put out of action in a naval engagement in the Adriatic a few days ago, according to the Tribune. The paper says that two Italian destroyers engaged an Austrian flotilla and that the Husesar was hit several times and set on fire. She was towed into a neighboring port by torpedo boats. The Italians suffered no loss. The engagement was fought in the midst of a tempest.

Between 200 and 300 Americans Reported

To be Held as Prisoners of War in Germany FRFNC

GOPENHAGEN, via London, Jan. 30 .- The Ektrabla quotes a Swedish seaman as saying that crews from an armed ship sunk by the German raider in the South Atlantic, held as war prisoners in Germany, include between 200 and 300 Americans, four Swedes, three Dutchmen and one Dane.

He says the steamer Yarrowdale did not sight a single British vessel throughout her entire voyage after she was captured. The vessel had all her lanterns lighted at night from Cape Lindasnaes, off the south coast of Norway, until she arrived at Skagen, on the north coast of Denmark. She reached Swinemuende Dec. 31. The men taken to the prison camp allowances of bread. Before leaving Germany, according to Verdun, attacking a French trench. The attack, says today's undertaking to make no claim against Germany.

A despatch from Berlin on Jan. 19 announcing the arrival ried 469 prisoners, including 103 subjects of neutral states.

German Food Supply is Scanty and Will Require the Most Careful Distribution

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 30.-According to the Berlin Vorwoerts, Adolph Batocki, president of the food regulation board, clearly indicated in a recent speech that the German food supply for the spring was very scanty and would re-

quire the most careful distribution and economical use. able for animal and human consumption than there was last Even turnips cannot now be used for animal fodder.

To Discuss Foreign Affairs.

Berlin, Jan. 29, via London, Jan. 30.—The ways and means committee of the Reichstag will meet next Wednesday and Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will make a statement to same day as the Reichstag.

PART OF CARGO

New York, Jan. 30 .- Thirty tons of merchandise consisting of Holland gin and Dutch cheese, part of a 300 ton cargo on the Dutch steamship Vul, canus, were thrown into the sea by orders of a German submarine commander when the ship was held up by a U boat on Dec. 27th, 24 miles off the Start Point light, on the English coast, according to officers of the vessel on her arrival here today.

The submersible stood by for three

Disastrous Fire At Hartford, Con.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 30 .- Two large store, were destroyed early today by a

Many Potatoes Go up in Smoke

Houlton, Jan. 30.-Twenty thousand barrels of potatoes, awaiting shipment n a railway storehouse near here, were estimated the loss at \$100,000.

Boodlers Trial May be Postponed

Winnipeg, Jan. 30.—The assizes open few hours. here at noon. The case of the ex-cabine tministers is due but will probably be postponed owing to the illness of

Germans Make Another Attempt Northwest of Verdun and North of Badenvillers-Berlin Says the French were the Attackers-Passenger Ship Defends Herself from a Hun Submarine-Norweigian Vessels Sunk.

PARIS, Jan. 30.—The Germans last night made another at Neustrelitz were given little food except kohlrabi, and small offensive movement in the region of Hill 304, northwest of the Ekstrabladet, 26 men released were compelled to sign an war office announcement, was stopped by gun fire with con- many because of her threat to sink on sight all British ships siderable losses to the Germans.

A German raid on French trenches north of Badenvillers of the steamer Yarrowdale in a German harbor, said she car- was attempted but failed, adds the statement, which also reports an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front. Three German airplanes were brought down.

The German Version.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 30 .- French troops last night delivered fresh attacks on the Germans at Hill 304, northwest rine campaign. The latter point, the arming of merchantmen, of Verdun, army headquarters announced today.

Chased the Submarine Away.

Pernambuco, Jan. 30.—Passengers on the British steam-Calculating potatoes in the value of wheat, he said that for shi pAmazon, which has arrived here from Europe, report that the current year there were 2,000,000 tons less of both avail- the ship was attacked by a submarine in the neighborhood of Vigo, Spain. The submarine fired a torpedo, which passed year, and that owing to the prohibition of wheat for animal close under the ships bow. According to the passengers, sev- marine warfare has materially changed the old laws regarding food, this would greatly diminish the yield of animal products. eral shots were fired at the submarine by the Amazon, and by merchant armament, which were designed originally to proa French steamer which was in the neighborhood. The sub- tect vesesIs fleeing from enemy craft by using their gun only marine disappeared and it was not learned whether she was for defensive purposes.

Norwegian Ship Sunk.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Lloyds announces that the Norwegian using guns mounted on the stern only. it on the subject of foreign affairs. It is understood that the steamer Argo, 1,261 tons, has been blown up and that nine of Both the British and French press have given the widest Reign affairs committee of the Bundsrath will meet on the her crew are reported lost. The Norwegian steamer Fulton, publicity to the intentions of the Allies to combat the subma-

BITTER COLD WEATHER FAILS TO CHILL ARDOR OF THE BRITISH TROOPS

Booming of Big Guns Heard on Every Sector of British Lines---Men Prefer ice and Frost to Water and Mud.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via London, Jan. 30 .- The bitter cold continues along the entire western rfont, the ground now being frozen to a depth of several inches Twenty-three degrees o ffrost (9 degres above zero) was registered by some of the army thermometers Sunday night, the stores in the dry gods district, G. Fox coldest weather this section of France has known in several years. The cold is accompanied by clear days and starlight sector of the British lines.

Despite the low temperature, especially in the upper air, Despite the I owtemperature, especially in the upper air, lery. This activity entials much fighting at altitudes where he mercury registers far below zero.

Warm Food and Drinks Served to the Brave Boys in the Trenches Every Few Hours

One British aviator descended after a victorious duel in the air with the instruments of his airplane frozen, and he so benumbed that he had to be helped from his machine. Nevertheless he was supremely happy.

The men in the trenches are resisting the cold wonderfully well. Many of them frankly say that they much prefer the ice and frost to the water and mud of the milder weather.

Everything possible is being done for the comfort of the men. Warm food and warm drinks are served to them every

A diverting incident of the recent operations on the Somme in which more than 350 men were made prisoners, was that the British troops, in anticipation of their complete success, had brought up a large number of old London motor busses. in which they gave the Germans a "free ride" back to the prison camp.

TROUBLE FOR NEUTRALS

Changes in the Neutral Attitude Towards Armed Merchantmen Likely to be Announced in the Near Future.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—An extension of sea warfare with Gerarmed with three guns, promises to bring new difficulties between belligerents and neutrals, including the United States. It is learned from a high diplomatic authority that changes in the neutral attitude towards protective armament for merchantmen will be announced in the near future.

Great Britain has taken drastic steps, such as mining the North Sea coasts and improving the defensive armament of merchant ships, to counteract the present danger of submais thus far shrouded in mystery, but the controversy as to the mounting of guns both fore and aft on merchantmen may be

Submarine Warfare Has Changed the Old Laws Regarding Arming of Merchantmen

It is well known that the Allied countries believe that sub-

Before the submarine warfare this was possible, but under the new conditions a submarine might come to the surface shead of the merchantman, precluding the possibility of her