THREE BATTLESHIPS LOST

Every One of Ten Ships Hit In Sharp Fight With Dardanelles Forts

A despatch from London says: The Admiralty announced Friday night that the British battleships Ocean and Irresistible and the French battleship Bouvet struck drifting mines in the Dardanelles and were sunk. Most of the men on the Bouvet were lost, but nearly all the crews of the British warships were saved.

This is the most serious loss sustained by the Anglo-French fleet under Vice-Admiral Carden, which has been bombarding the straits intermittently for more than two months and has been increased until it is now the most powerful aggregation of fighting ships ever assembled for war purposes. The three ships went down during a furious cannonading inside the straits, just outside the Narrows, in which 16 battleships participated in relays. The big British battle cruiser Inflexible and the French battleship Gaulois were put out of commission temporarily by lucky shots from the Turkish forts.

The vessels destroyed will not, it is stated by the Admiralty officials, interfere with the Dardanelles operations in the slightest. The lost ships will be replaced and the attack on the forts will be carried on until the strait is passed. Naval experts say that both France and Great Britain expected to pay a big price for the possession of Constantinople and that the general scheme discounts even greater losses.

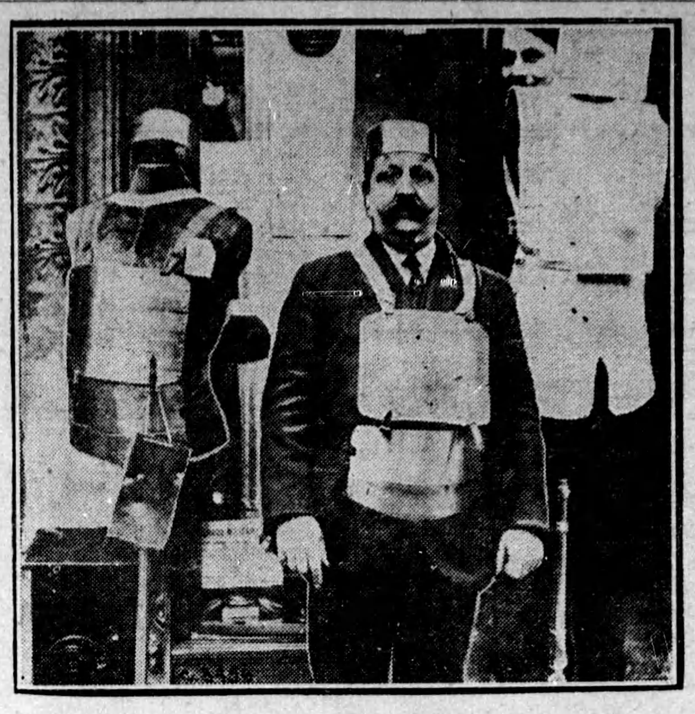
Menace of Floating Mines.

The mines in the Dardanelles have proved a much greater menace to the allied fleet than the numerous naval forts, and naval authorities have predicted that as soon as the strait was cleared of that danger, the passage would soon be forced. Grimsby trawlers and French fishing boats have been sent to the scene in large numbers, and have been engaged night and day in sweeping the channels clear. At one time the task was almost completed, but recently the Germans and Turks have adopted the plan of launching floating mines, which come down against the ships with tremendous force, swept at the rate of nearly ten miles an hour by the strong current from the Sea of Marmora.

Kephez Forts Silenced.

The Kephez forts replied strongly when the battleships advanced firing up the Dardanelles and all the ships were hit. It is asserted that these forts finally were silenced and a bombardment of those in the Narrows was under way when the three battleships struck the mines. The blowing up of the ships did not cause a cessation of the fighting, which continued until darkness intervened.

"It is officially confirmed that a Russian squadron has approached the northern part of the Bosphorus," says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. "The appearance of a the squadron caused a great panic in Constantinople."



French Soldiers Wear Armor Nowadays.

Armor is now being freely sold by shop-keepers in Paris to the French soldiers, who say it has been the means of saving many lives on the battlefields. There are pieces covering the chest, abdomen and head. The whole outfit costs about ten dollars. This photograph shows the armor in the position in which it is to be worn.

Socks Still Required, Also Handkerchiefs

A despatch from London says: We are asked to notify the societies working for the Canadian contingent that most kinds of extra woollen comforts will not be required much longer, as supplies in hand are likely to meet the demand. Socks, however, are always required, also colored handkerchiefs, tobacco, pies, games, newspapers. The War Contingent Association here is sending over frequent consignments to all sections of the Canadian forces in the field, also to those sections still in England. The concerts which have been so popular at Salisbury are to be continued at Shorncliffe. A Canadian officer writing from the front apropos to the last batch of magazines sent out says they are almost worth their weight in gold. Twenty-five sacks of Canadian newspapers sent last week have arrived.

ENLISTING NOW TO FILL GAPS

Will Be No Call for Volunteers for Fourth Contingent.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Statements that the Militia Department would shortly call for volunteers for a fourth Canadian contingent designed eventually for the front are not quite in accord with the facts. There will be no fourth contingent, so-called, and no third contingent. But drafts of reinforcements will be sent forward steadily to fill the gaps in the Canadian lines. While these will be sent as they are needed a strong force will be maintained under arms in Canada, in accordance with the Prime Minister's statement issued some weeks ago.

Turk Horde in Persia Slew Many Civilians

A despatch from London says: The Foreign Office was advised that Turkish soldiers recently ran wild in the Urumia district of Northwestern Persia and killed several hundred civilians. The Turks are said to have burned several villages after looting them.

The Soldier's Message Home.

Though I'm lying in the trenches
And the battle rages hell,
My thoughts are of the dear old home
In a little woodland dell;
And I picture you, sweet Maggie,
As the days go slowly by,
Waiting with a noble courage
Tho' the tear-drop dims your eye.

I live again in dreams, lass,
The hours we used to roam,
And wonder if I shall be spared
To see the dear old home.
But do not fret, or pine for me,
Though sorrow fills your heart,
For you, sweet lass, must help the cause—
The waiting is your part.

And tho' the harder task by far
It is your lot to bear,
Cheer up! For brighter days shall dawn
When joy will crush despair.
For the weary wait will cease, lass.
And our duty will be done
When we sail for the dear old Homeland
With the mighty conflict won.

80,000 Houses Ruined In Russian Invasions

A despatch from London says: The Star has received a despatch from its correspondent at Copenhagen saying that statistics furnished by the president of the province of East Prussia show that 80,000 houses have been destroyed in East Prussia by Russian troops. Three hundred thousand refugees are said to be unable to return to East Prussia because they have no means of livelihood. Out of 100,000 horses only 6,000 remain.

The Major (thinking to have some fun): "Good morning, Pat." "Good morning, yer honor." "That's a fine horse you're driving." "It is, yer honor." "Draws well, doesn't it?" "It does, yer honor. It draws the attention of every fool that passes."

WOMEN OF GREAT BRITAIN

Government Wants Names of All Who Are Ready to Fill Positions and Release Men for War

A despatch from London says: "Any woman who by working helps to release a man or to equip a man for fighting does a national war service," says Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, in an appeal to the women of the country.

"If the full fighting power of the nation is to be put forth on the field of battle," the appeal continues, "the full working power of the nation must be made available to carry on its essential trades at home. In certain important occupations there are not enough men and women to do the work. In order to meet both the present and future needs of national industry the Government wish to obtain particulars from all women available, with or without previous training, for paid employment.

"Accordingly they invite all women who are prepared, if needed, to take paid employment of any kind — industrial, agricultural, clerical, etc.—to enter themselves upon the register of women for war service. The registration is for the purpose of finding out what reserve forces in women's labor, trained and untrained, can be made available if required."

Canadian Soldiers Hurt in Collision

A despatch from London says: A collision occurred near West Malling, Kent, between two vehicles belonging to the Canadian contingent, with the result that one was overturned and the whole of the occupants were thrown out. Six of the men were found to be rather seriously injured, and were conveyed to Malling Hospital.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, March 23.—Flour—Manitoba first patents, $7.70, in jute bags; second patents, $7.20; strong bakers', $7; Ontario wheat flour, 90 per cent. patents, $5.90 to $6.10, seaboard, and at $6.15 to $6.25, Toronto freight.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 Northern $1.53; No. 2 at $1.51 1-2, and No. 3 at $1.50. Ontario wheat, No. 2, nominal, at $1.45, at outside points.

Oats—Ontario, 61 to 64c, outside, and at 64 to 67c on track, Toronto. Western Canada, No. 2, at 70 1-2c, and No. 3 at 68 1-2c.

Barley—Good malting grades, 84 to 86c, outside.

Rye—$1.20 to $1.25, outside.

Peas—No. 1 quoted at $1.90 to $2.05, outside.

Corn—No. 3 new American, 81 1-2 to 82c, all rail, Toronto freight.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 82 to 85c, outside.

Bran and shorts—Bran, $26 a ton, and shorts at $28.

Rolled oats—Car lots, per bag of 90 lbs., $3.55.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy, 27 to 28c; inferior, 21 to 23c; creamery prints, 33 1-2 to 35c; do., solids, 31 to 32c; farmers' separator, 27 to 28c.

Eggs—21 to 22c per dozen.

Beans—$3.15 to $3.20 for prime, and $3.25 to $3.30 for hand-picked.

Honey—60-lb. tins sell at 10 to 11c, and 10-lb. tins at 11 1-2 to 12c; No. 1 combs, $2.60 per dozen, and No. 2, $2.20.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 14 to 16c; ducks, dressed, 13 to 15c; fowl, 11 to 13c; Cheese—18 1-4c for large, and at 18 1-2c geese, 13 to 14c; turkeys, dressed, 19 to 20c. for twins.

Potatoes—Ontario, 65 to 70c per bag, out of store; 55c in car lots. New Brunswicks, car lots, 60 to 65c per bag.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 1-2 to 14c per lb., in case lots. Hams—Medium, 17 to 17 1-2c; do., heavy, 14 1-2 to 15c; rolls, 14 to 14 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 18 to 19c; backs, 20 to 21c; boneless backs, 23c.

Lard—Market quiet; pure, tub, 11 3-4 to 12c; compound, 39-4 to 10c in tubs, and 10 to 10 1-4c in pails.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Dealers are paying as follows for car lot deliveries on track here:—

Straw is quoted at $8 to $8.50 a ton in car lots on track here.

Hay—No. 1 new hay is quoted at $17.50 to $18; No. 2 at $15.50 to $16, and No. 3 at $12.50 to $13.50.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, March 23.—Cash quotations:—Wheat, No. 1 Northern, $1.51 1-4; No. 2 Northern, $1.50 1-4; No. 3 Northern, $1.47 1-2; No. 4, $1.42 1-2; No. 5, $1.37 3-4; No. 6, $1.33 3-4; fed, $1.29. Oats—No. 2 C. W., 63 3-4c; No. 3 C.W., 61 1-2; extra No. 1 feed, 61 1-2c; No. 1 feed, 60 3-4c; No. 2 feed, 59 1-2c. Barley, No. 3, 77c; No. 4, 72c; fed, 70c. Flax, No. 1 N.W.C., $1.80; No. 2 C.W., $1.77.

Montreal, March 23.—Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 84 to 85c. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 72c; do., No. 3, 69 1-2; do., extra No. 1 feed, 69 1-2c; do., No. 2 local white, 66 1-2c; do., No. 3, 65 1-2c; do., No. 4, 64 1-2c. Barley—Man. feed, 80 to 81c; do., malting 93 to 94c. Buckwheat—N. 3, 98c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $7.80; do., seconds, $7.30; do., seconds, $7.30; do., strong bakers', $7.10; do., Winter patents, choice, $7.90; do., straight rollers, $7.40 to $7.50; do. bags, $3.50 to $3.60. Rolled oats—Barrels, $7 to $7.25; do., bags, 90 lbs., $3.40 to $3.50. Bran, $26. Shorts, $28. Middlings, $33 to $34. Mouillie, $35 to $38. Hay—No. 2 per ton, car lots, $18 to $19. Cheese—Finest westerns, 17 1-4 to 17 1-2c; do., easterns, 17 to 17 1-4c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 34 1-2 to 35c; do., seconds, 33 1-2 to 34c. Eggs—Fresh, 23 to 24c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, 47 1-2 to 50c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, March 23.—Wheat, No. 1 hard, $1.52 7-8; No. 1 Northern, $1.49 3-8 to $1.52 3-8; No. 2 Northern, $1.45 7-8 to $1.49 7-8; May, $1.43 3-8 asked; July, $1.40 1-4. Corn, No. 3 white, 57 to 57 1-4c. Flour and bran unchanged.

Duluth, March 23.—Wheat, No. 1 hard, $1.53 3-8; No. 1 Northern, $1.52 3-8; No. 2 Northern, $1.45 3-8 to $1.48 3-8; May, $1.49 3-8; July, $1.44 1-4. Linseed, cash, close, $2.02 1-4; May, $2.03 1-4; July, $2.05.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, March 23.—A few odd butcher steers brought $7.75. Good stuff ranged between $6.60 and $7.25. Medium butchers' sold at $6 to $6.75, with common at $5.25 to $6. Canners and cutters sold at $3.85 to $4.35 for the former and $4.35 to $4.75 for the latter. Milkers of good quality sold at $65 to $90 each, with inferior slow at $40 to $65. Lambs went at $11.25. Top sheep sold at $8. Swine sold f.o.b. country points at $7.90, at $8.25 fed and watered, and at $8.50 off cars.

Montreal, March 23.—Prime beeves about 7 1-2c; medium, 5 3-4c; common, 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c. Cows, $40 to $80 each; springers, $30 to $70 each. Calves, 5 to 8 1-2c. Sheep, 6c. Lambs, 8 1-2 to 9c. Hogs, 8 1-2c.

Invasion of England Still a Possibility

A despatch from London says: The Marquess of Crewe, Lord of the Privy Seal, addressing a delegation of the volunteer training corps which has been raised for home defence, said that while there was a possibility of a hostile landing in England, this was considered more likely some months ago than now. There was no telling, he added, what form the latest stages of the war might take or to what devices or straits Germany's desperation might drive her. Therefore, he said, it would be unwise to dismiss from consideration the possibility that a hostile force might land in no great numbers, but in sufficiently formidable force to make a strong resistance necessary and possibly the invoking of the assistance of the volunteers.

H.B. RY. WILL COST $16,000,000.

So Far the Total Expenditure Has Been $7,647,107.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Minister of Railways informed Mr. W. M. Martin of Regina in the Commons on Wednesday that the total mileage of the Hudson Bay Railway when completed will be 424. The first 250 miles have been almost completely graded, and the following 50 miles are well advanced. Steel has been laid on 214 miles. The total cost to date is $7,647,107, and the total estimated cost of the completed railway is $16,000,000. The estimated cost of the harbor improvements is $10,000,000, less possible credits of $1,000,000 for steamships, plant, etc. The expenditure to date on harbor improvements is $3,480,277. This includes plant, steamships, wireless stations, etc.

A FIGHTING FAMILY.

Five Brothers Went to the War and One Has Died.

A despatch from Montreal says: Five brothers and three brothers-in-law of Mrs. John Taunton, 126 Fulford Street, Montreal, have gone to the front. Besides, two Australian cousins are in Egypt with the Australian soldiers; a cousin from India has gone to England to enlist, and two boys whom Mrs. Taunton's mother adopted have enlisted. Of her five brothers, one has died since going to the war and another is a prisoner in the hands of the Germans. Mrs. Taunton comes of a fighting stock, her father being a veteran of the Soudan and Egyptian campaigns; an uncle was with Lord Roberts on the historic march to Kandahar and a grand-uncle fought in the Crimea.

Crime to Help Aliens Leave Canada

A despatch from Ottawa says: The bill to amend the Criminal Code contains a provision that is intended to meet such situations as that disclosed in the Nerlich case in Toronto. It enacts that "every one is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to two years' imprisonment who incites or assists any subject of any foreign State or country at war with his Majesty to leave Canada, if the circumstances of the case do not exclude the possibility that assistance to the enemy is an intended object in his so leaving Canada, and if such inciting or assisting do not amount to treason."

The Minister of Justice explained that while the law at present forbade alien enemies to leave Canada it provided no penalty for those who assisted such persons to leave the country unless it could be shown that their departure was for the purpose of aiding the enemy.

MAY RELEASE DACIA.

Owners Agree Not to Engage in Trade With Germany.

A despatch from Washington says: The former German steamship Dacia, now in custody of a French prize court, because the French Government challenges the validity of the vessel's transfer to the American flag, may soon be on the high seas again under the American flag.

It was learned that a request for the release of the Dacia under bond is being made to the French Government on behalf of the present owners of the vessel. The owners volunteer to produce the ship before the French authorities at any time in the future that her surrender may be demanded, and also that while she is out on bond she will not engage in trade with Germany or in any European trade, but will be employed on routes entirely different from those used by her when she was under the German flag. It is likely that the Dacia will be transferred to the South American or Eastern trade.

Zeppelin Killed Seven, But Missed Station

A despatch from Calais says: A shower of shrapnel from French artillery greeted the Zeppelin which raided this city Thursday night and dropped bombs which killed seven persons without damaging the railroad station at which they were aimed. The characteristic throbbing of the Zeppelin's engines gave warning of the airship's approach between midnight and 1 a.m.

The rays of powerful seachlights were turned upon the clouds in an effort to locate the aerial invader, but the German craft flew high above banks of dark clouds and for some time was invisible. Finally, however, it came into view and the artillery was trained upon the airship. Notwithstanding the bombardment, it dropped several bombs, which missed their target, and then made off as rapidly as possible.

Pirates Again Busy In English Channel

A despatch from London says: The British steamer Hyndford, 2,775 net tons, was torpedoed Thursday off Beachy Head, while proceeding through the Channel for London. It is reported that one member of her crew was killed.

The British steamer Bluejacket, of 2,271 tons, with wheat from Liverpool, also was torpedoed off Beachy Head, but remained afloat, although badly damaged. The crew took to the boats.

Transfer German Prisoners Jamaica to Halifax

A despatch from New York says: John Hastings, Agent of the British Government, on Wednesday sailed for Jamaica on the United Fruit Company's steamer Santa Marta to arrange for the transfer from Jamaica to Halifax of 600 German prisoners of war that have been kept in Jamaica for the past eight months. Mr. Hastings said that he had found considerable difficulty in getting vessels to carry the Germans, and that he feared it meant that British transports would have to be used.

Law Forbidding Christening of Jews

A despatch from Petrograd says: The Russian Senate has enacted a law forbidding the christening of Jewish children whose parents have not accepted the Orthodox faith. There is a growing custom among the Jews to rear their children orthodoxically, hoping thus to emancipate them from the restrictions under which the parents live.

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NORTH POLAND CLEAR OF ENEMY

German Outposts Vanish at the Cry of "The Cossacks Are Coming."

A despatch from Petrograd says: Most of Northern Poland is now clear of Germans, and their outposts among the villages are frequently demoralized, for the cry of "The Cossacks are coming" is sufficient to make them vanish. Many German guns recently taken in the north of Poland date from the early seventies. They are moving the best artillery into Western Poland.

The cessation of von Hindenburg's entire northern plan, which was arrested by defeats at Przasnysz, Orlitz, and in Suwalki is undoubtedly largely due to the failure of the projected campaign in Eastern Galicia. This scheme is believed to have been really the central purpose of his strategy since the New Year and dictated by Hungary's political designs.

The official statement issued from the headquarters of Grand Duke Nicholas indicates that the Russian counter-offensive north of Przasnysz is making rapid progress. Several villages and heights in the region have been conquered from the Germans, and five guns, 42 machine guns and several hundred prisoners have been taken.

The communication also gives the first information from Russian sources of the new raid into German territory which the Czar's troops are making in the Niemen region. They have crossed the border near Tauroggen and also near Memel, the latter place being on the shore of the Baltic in the extreme northern corner of East Prussia, where a narrow strip of Germany juts into Russia along the sea-coast. In this operation the Russians have taken two guns, four machine guns and a quantity of supplies.

For cutting close to the lines of a pattern there has been invented a frame in which shears are placed and automatically operated as a guide follows the lines

Another Ship Sunk Without Warning

A despatch from London says: The British steamer Glenartney, of Glasgow, was torpedoed off Beachy Head by a German submarine, which gave no notice of her intention. In the scrambe for boats one of the crew was drowned. The others, numbering forty, several of whom were injured, were picked up by a steamer and landed at New Haven.

The Glenartney, which was of 3,309 tons register, was bound from Bangkok, Siam, for London, loaded with 8,000 tons of rice.

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