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GERMANY CUTS ARMY RATIONS

Food of Soldiers in Trenches
Was Reduced Six
Weeks Ago

A despatch from London says: The German newspaper *Rheinische Zeitung* claims to have discovered by a month's investigation that the belief prevails in Germany that it is impossible to continue the war to the end of 1916. Many in Germany believe that it cannot be maintained through the summer, the paper asserts, and continues:

"The rations of the German soldiers were cut six weeks ago. Meat is becoming rare, bread is limited to 12 ounces daily and food parcels from the soldiers' homes are now forbidden. The civilians themselves suffer. Deserts are numerous, and they include officers. Socialism is spreading amazingly among the troops. Slackness of discipline is evident, resulting from the extremely harsh treatment. The shortage of horses necessitated the reducing of gun teams. Ammunition and arms, however, continue to be produced in incredible quantities."

Premier Asquith GOES TO IRELAND

Will Visit Civil and Military
Authorities.

A despatch from London says: Premier Asquith left the Euston station on Thursday night on board the Irish mail train on his way to Dublin. Mr. Asquith before took the reins in his own hands at a crisis by assuming the Secretariate of War, when the threatened Ulster revolt in 1914 caused the resignation of Col. Seely. The Prime Minister's finest powers have been displayed in playing the part of a conciliator, and he now has a task which is likely to demand their utmost exercise. He frankly declared that the present situation could not continue.

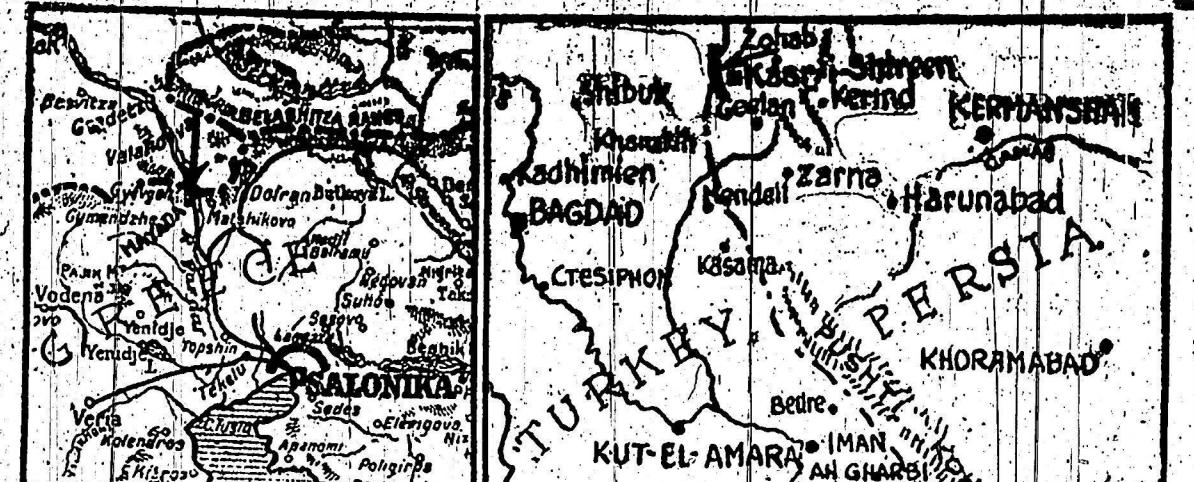
GENERAL'S DAUGHTERS THROUGH KUT SIEGE

Turkish Commanders Offer to Allow
Their Passage Refused.

A despatch from Berlin says: The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes a report that General Townshend, the British commander, who recently surrendered at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia, had with him in the fortress his two daughters. They have been sent to Constantinople, the report states. The commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces several times offered them, free passage through the lines during the siege of Kut-el-Amara, the paper says, but they refused to accept the offer.

59 SHIPS TORPEDOED DURING THE PAST YEAR

A despatch from London says: Thirty-seven unarmed British merchantmen and 22 neutral vessels were torpedoed without warning between May 7, 1915, and May 7, 1916. Thomas J. Macnamara, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons on Thursday: He added that these figures were known to the American Government.



WEEK'S NEWS OF THE WAR

Increasing attention has centred this week on the Anglo-French front in Greece, along which for some weeks a comparative lull has prevailed. Despatches towards the end of the week told of brisk fighting in this field of war lending color to reports that active hostilities might be resumed in the near future. That the Bulgarians fear an attack will be made by the Allies is indicated by reports that fresh forces have been brought up south of Monastir. Strong defensive positions, it is said, have been thrown up.

The fighting in the Verdun sector has been carried on vigorously on both sides throughout the week. Early in the week, the army of the Crown Prince attained a small measure of success on the 30-mile fan-shaped

front; in a prompt counter-attack, however, the French recaptured trenches lost and inflicted enormous losses on the enemy. A feature of the news of the week from Paris was the announcement of the promotion of General Petain, the gallant defender of Verdun, to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the group of central armies in the sector between Soissons and Verdun. General Robert George Nivelle has been appointed as his successor.

In Great Britain a large share of public interest has been attracted by the cross-fire directed at the government by Liberal and Nationalist members of the House of Commons as a consequence of the execution of the Irish rebels. Petrograd reports that the offensive of Turkish forces in the region of Mamakutan has been stopped and that in the Mesopotamia zone as far west as the town of Kast-i-Shirin, about 110 miles northeast of Bagdad, was occupied. On

feet

PREFERRED GLORIOUS DEATH TO SHAMEFUL SURRENDER

Russian Detachment Taken Prisoner, Hurled Themselves on Escrit, Defeated Them, and Rejoined Regiment

A despatch from London says: Desperate fighting is in progress in the Caucasus, both the Russians and Turks claiming to have the advantage. The Petrograd official report claims that a Turkish attempt at an offensive in the direction of Erzurum was repulsed by Russian fire and that the Grand Duke's troops are advancing west and south-west of the town of Platava, and continue:

"In engagements in the region west of Aschakala the Turks surrounded a detachment of our soldiers forming the reserve and captured them. These resisters, preferring glorious death to shameful surrender, headed by their officers, hurled themselves on their Turkish escort, and defeated them and rejoined their regiment."

In an all-day battle in the Mount Kopek sector on the Caucasus front the Turks drove the Russians out of positions nearly ten miles in length, capturing more than 300 men and four machine guns, according to Thurs-

day's official announcement by the

British RETAKE
SOME LOST TRENCHES

Germans Hold Part of Gains Near Vermelles.

A despatch from London says: The British official communication issued on Friday evening says:

"Thursday evening, after a heavy preliminary bombardment, the enemy succeeded in capturing about 500 yards of our front trenches northeast of Vermelles. We regained a portion of the ground lost by a counter-attack during the night. Friday there has been no further infantry action, but considerable artillery activity has been shown in this neighborhood."

"Farther north opposite Cunichy, we bombed the enemy's positions. Otherwise there has been nothing but minor artillery duels at various points on the front, principally in the region of Thierville, Neuville-St.-Vaast, Marignies, Vouziers, St. Eloi and east of Ypres."

TO MAKE VAIN ATTEMPT
TO RAID BRITISH TRENCHES

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GERMAN THREAT A BOOMERANG

Washington Authorities Think That Faith is Not Being Kept.

A despatch from Washington says: It is becoming more and more apparent that President Wilson is determined to maintain a firm and uncompromising attitude toward Germany until he is fully satisfied that the Imperial Government has actually removed the submarine menace to combatants from the high seas. Bertrand's view that the submarine issue between the two Governments is settled is not shared by the President's Secretary Lansing. The price which Germany must pay before reaching an amicable understanding with the United States is a strict and continuing observance of its pledge to effect a change in its present method of submarine warfare."

Until there has been a sufficient lapse of time to demonstrate that Germany has really effected this pledge, the attitude of the United States will remain about as it has been the past month toward the Imperial Government. Apparently no effort is going to be made to placate the German government or to re-establish a mutual feeling of confidence and good will. This was the policy adopted by Mr. Bryan after the Lusitania disaster. It is explained, and its result proved far from satisfactory. Secretary Lansing therefore is resolved to have Germany prove as well as declare its good faith before he changes his present policy.

TO RADE BRITISH TRENCHES

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RECOMMENDED FOR V. C.

Also for French Legion of Honor for
Holding Line at St. Eloi.

A despatch from Montreal says: Lieutenant Peter Browne of the 22nd Battalion, who has been recommended for the Victoria Cross and also the French Legion of Honor for holding the line in the battle of St. Eloi with twenty-two men against repeated attacks of the enemy, after the greater number of his company had been wiped out in a bayonet encounter following an intense German bombardment, has written to his father, H. A. Browne, 2050 Waverley Street, Montreal. Lieutenant Browne will soon be promoted to Captaincy. He says he was carried shoulder high by the Canadian soldiers in the rejoicing which followed the battle. "All I had on me was a pair of breeches (given me by General Turner himself) and an army blanket," he says.

A despatch from Amsterdam says:

British Blockade is Pinching the Teutons—Reports Tell of the Shortage of Supplies.

A despatch from London says: Several of the Friday morning newspapers print long reports from local and German Socialist sources of an acute food shortage and consequent discontent in Germany and Austria. The economic pinch, it is understood, has become intolerably severe, owing to the British blockade, and even rich people are suffering greatly. The diplomats of other nations in Berlin are getting supplies from abroad.

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KAISER ORDERS RESIGNATION OF GERMAN FOOD MINISTER

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A despatch from London says: Emperor William and Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg have decided that Clemens Delbrueck, German Minister of the Interior and Vice-Chancellor, must resign, says a Berlin despatch to the Frankfurter Zeitung. Minister Delbrueck has been reported ill during the past few days, but the real trouble, the despatch says, is dissatisfaction with Germany's food supplies. Count George von Herdtling, the Bavarian Prime Minister, is regarded as the probable successor to Minister Delbrueck.

If You Have Not a Policy in the CROWN LIFE You are not doing justice to yourself or your family.

STARVING POLES ARE TO BE FEED

British Foreign Office Makes an Announcement.

A despatch from London says: The Foreign Office of Thursday accepts the acceptance of the proposals of the Rockefeller Foundation for relief on Poland. The plan provides that America in conjunction with Germany will supply food to children Poland until October 1.

The German Government agrees not to interfere with food stuffs imported into Poland. Forty thousand tons of foodstuffs are necessary each month. The management of the scheme is to rest with the commission entirely.

Out of a sum of £1,000,000 necessary, close to \$1,000,000 was raised at a conference of the German National School of Cologne.

This isolation, the magazine writes, is naturally caused by ship, which evidently is in keeping all uninterested in anything that might give rise to violent reactions. The intellectual means of communication between people can easily be seen in the point of view of one city. One would hardly care nowadays.

"Anything more tragic than the German press I cannot imagine, aside from the official war news, hardly anything but so-called lies and just that kind of paragraphs about the condition of law in Belgium, which are read with satisfaction by Germans, but which, with an ordinary sense of justice, is only given on the time stamping of the Foundation was made by Ambassador Page to the British Government. Russia has agreed to provide the starving people of Serbia and Montenegro. The Foreign Office made a demand that relief be extended to all Polish children of the part which Germany has occupied. The consent of Great Britain is only given on the time stamping of the Foundation was made by Ambassador Page to the British Government. Russia has agreed to provide the starving people of Serbia and Montenegro. The Foreign Office made a demand that relief be extended to all Polish children of the part which Germany has occupied. 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