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RUMANIANS HAVE PROFITED BY FALKENHAYN'S DELAY

Failure of Germans to Cut Through by Predal Pass May Save Bucharest.

A despatch from London says: "It is for Hindenburg to decide whether the gains of the German army in Rumania pay for the losses sustained on the other fronts by the withdrawal of divisions to operate there," said Major-General P. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations of the War Office, in discussing on Thursday with an Associated Press correspondent the latest military developments.

"It is impossible and foolish to prophesy the outcome of the German campaign in Rumania," continued Gen. Maurice, "but I can say the first efforts to cut through the Predal pass have failed. Since that time the Germans have been giving the Rumanians a rest."

HON. A. E. KEMP MAY TURN HEAD OF MILITIA OF THE ALT RIVER

Has Been Formally Sworn in as Minister of Department.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon. A. E. Kemp, M.P. for East Toronto, Minister without portfolio in the Borden Cabinet, and Chairman since May, 1915, of the War Purchasing Commission, has been appointed as Minister of Militia in succession to Sam. Hughes. The new Minister was sworn in by his Excellency the Governor-General at Rideau Hall on Thursday afternoon.

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ALLIES CANCEL RIFLE ORDERS

Great Britain and France to be Independent of the United States.

A despatch from New York says: "Britain and France will no longer purchase munitions of war from the United States. Efforts are now being made to secure cancellation of previous contracts for arms and ammunition placed by Great Britain and France in this country. Hereafter Britain will be able to manufacture in the British Isles and Canada all supplies needed in the war with Germany, except in cases of extreme emergency. These facts became known in New York through sources in close personal touch with Commissioners of the British Government supervising contracts and the purchase of munitions in this country."

Attempts made by representatives of Great Britain and France in this country looking towards cancellation of all munition orders have progressed to such an extent that French orders are now held in abeyance in several of the American factories.

An order for 2,000,000 rifles formerly placed with the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company and later distributed to various plants of the Remington Arms, Union Metallic Cartridge Co., and the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., has already been cancelled.

The tentative release of the British Government by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Co., which was originally part of the Remington Arms, Union Metallic Cartridge Co., involves contracts aggregating \$30,000,000, covering 2,000,000 rifles. This does not include other large rifle, machine and cartridge orders placed with the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. and other plants throughout the country.

It is understood that the British Commission will reimburse the Midvale Co. for cash up to perhaps \$10,000,000, which has gone into the Remington Arms & Ammunition Company's operations.

From representatives of rifle-making factories resident in New York it was substantiated on Wednesday that shipments of French rifles have practically ceased, these orders being held in abeyance against efforts of that Government to secure cancellations during the past three months.

It is taken for granted among munition dealers that the release of the Midvale contract is but a preliminary to similar contract releases by many concerns in the United States, now engaged in manufacturing rifles, ammunition, projectiles and heavier ordnance.

LIGHTS AGAIN ABLAZE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says: "The regulations by which lights were ordered extinguished or dimmed and the port of St. John's closed a month ago as a precautionary measure taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war," have been suspended by Governor Davidson. The notice of this suspension, published over the name of Arthur Meewis, Deputy Colonial Secretary, gives no indication of the developments responsible for the return of normal conditions. During the period of restriction, lights and shutters were closed early or conducted behind shuttered windows, automobiles showed only faint side lights and streets were kept dark.

GERMANY CLAIMS SINKING 3,322,000 TONS OF SHIPS.

Of This Tonnage Berlin Says That 2,550,000 Is Great Britain's.

An official communication issued on Tuesday gives the following information concerning ships of enemy and neutral countries which have been captured, sunk or blown up by mines during the war: "During October 140 hostile merchantmen of 306,500 tons have been brought into port or sunk by submarines or torpedo boats of the Central Powers or lost owing to mines. Neutral merchantmen numbering 72 and of 87,000 tons were sunk because they were carrying contraband to the enemy. Since the beginning of the war 9,322,000 tons of hostile shipping, of which 2,550,000 tons were British, have been lost owing to the war measures of the Central Powers."

BROTHERS IN THE BELGIAN ARMY.

A despatch from Paris says: Two brothers of the new Austrian empress, Princess Xaveria and Sixte of Parma, are serving in the Belgian army. President Poincare recently decorated both the princes with the War Cross.

FRANCIS JOSEPH'S REGIME "A PERIOD OF BLESSING."

A despatch from London says: The German Emperor has sent a message of sympathy to Emperor Charles of Austria on the death of Emperor Francis Joseph, whose government, says Emperor William, "will live in the history of the monarchy as a period of blessing."

SHIP WITH WOUNDED IS SUNK BY U-BOAT.

Another British Hospital Steamer Meets Fate in the Aegean Sea.

A despatch from London says: The British hospital ship Braemar Castle, of 2,250 tons gross, bound from Salonica to Malta, which was wounded, has been mined or torpedoed in the Aegean Sea. It was officially announced on Friday. All on board were saved. The disaster occurred in the Mykonos Channel, the announcement states.

RUSSIA LOSES HUGE WARSHIP

Sinking of the Imperatritsa Maria Officially Admitted.

A despatch from Petrograd says: Russia officially announces the loss of the dreadnought Imperatritsa Maria. A statement issued on Thursday night reads: "The Russian dreadnought Imperatritsa Maria has been sunk by an internal explosion. Two hundred of the crew are missing."

KING ALBERT APPEALS TO NEUTRAL POWERS.

A despatch from Havre says: King Albert of Belgium has sent autograph letters to King Alfonso of Spain, Pope Benedict and President Wilson on the subject of the deportation of Belgians by the German authorities, according to the Vingtieme Siecle.

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BOTH THE HOSPITAL SHIPS WERE SUNK BY SUBMARINES

British Authorities Do Not Believe That Britannia and Pommar Castle Hit Mines.

A despatch from London says: "Rumors that there was a possibility for some definite negotiations towards peace were discounted on Friday by Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of War Trade, who told the Associated Press that "in view of the Belgian deportations and the sinking of hospital ships any talk of peace at the present time must be futile."

Lord Robert continued: "I have not yet had in the case of the Britannia or the Pommar any official report as to whether they were torpedoed or mined in the proximity of the disaster. It leads me to believe that negotiations must have been responsible."

40 AIR BATTLES ON WESTERN FRONT

British and French Aeroplanes Obtain Mastery in Every Combat.

A despatch from Paris says: "The official report says: 'During Friday in Lorraine three British aeroplanes engaged several German machines in combats. One enemy aeroplane was brought down in the forest of Grebecy. On the Somme front, French aviators delivered no less than thirty aerial attacks in the course of which five enemy machines were brought to the ground. Sergt. Flachaire brought down his sixth enemy machine and Lieut. Douin gained a victory over his tenth German aeroplane south of Vaux Wood. On Wednesday Sub-Lieut. George Guynemer brought down two enemy aeroplanes in the region of Falvy, making 23 in all by him."

"Six of our aeroplanes have thrown down fifteen shells of 120 millimetres from the town of Brukeres. Another unit of one of our squadrons has bombarded the aviation ground at Griselles. Between 3.45 p.m. and 7 p.m., a total of 171 shells of 120 millimetres were dropped at this point. During Friday night four French aviators bombarded the blast furnaces and factories at Voelkingen, on the River Sarre. Twelve shells of 120 millimetres and twelve of 155 millimetres were thrown down. They all apparently were well aimed. Our aviators returned without accident."

PEOPLE OF BRITAIN NOT FULLY AWAKE

Sir William Robertson Says Nation Does Not Recognize Issues at Stake.

A despatch from London says: The morning newspapers of Friday give prominence to an appeal by Sir William Robertson, chief of the Imperial staff, for greater war efforts on the part of the people of the nation. The appeal was contained in a letter to the Council of one of the London boroughs, and says:

"There is no doubt whatever of our ability to win the war if only we really put our backs into it. We have not yet done this. We still do not recognize the issues at stake nor the efforts we ought to make and can make if we will but try."

"I have every confidence in my countrymen, but they are not yet fully awake."

Alongside of Sir William's letter is published a plea from the leading English bishops for the banishment of all extravagance and ostentation, particularly in the matter of food, in the celebration of this year's Christmas holidays, and the making of the Yuletide "a self-denial Christmas—a simple festival of joy, thanksgiving and prayer."

SIR HIRAM MAXIM, INVENTOR, IS DEAD

Was Born in U.S., Became Naturalized Subject of Britain.

A despatch from London says: Sir Hiram Maxim, inventor of the automatic system of firing, died at his home here early Friday morning.

DUKE WAS REMINDED OF KINSHIP TO KAISER

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Duke of Devonshire, who is now on the Duke of Devonshire's tour of Canada, was reminded of his kinship to the Kaiser when he was held by the Duke of Devonshire at the Duke of Devonshire's quarters staff at public.

PRISONERS WEAR WOODEN SHOES

The French Belgian Soldiers in Camps Will, in the Future, Wear Wooden Shoes.

The French Belgian soldiers in the camps will, in the future, wear wooden shoes. The reason is that the British have been unable to supply them with the necessary quantities of rubber shoes. The British have been unable to supply them with the necessary quantities of rubber shoes. The British have been unable to supply them with the necessary quantities of rubber shoes.

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FROM OLD SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM THE BANKS AND BRAES.

What is going on in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

For hawking whisky, a Glasgow woman was fined \$500.

It has been decided to form a volunteer corps in Galashiels. Lady Campbell, of Succoth, opened a new Y.C.A. hotel for girls in Glasgow.

A case of anthrax has been reported on the farm of Borrie, in the parish of Cambuslang.

Bankers estimated at \$250,000 worth of property destroyed by a fire that broke out at Blackmill, near Paisley, Tuesday.

Mr. Matthew Ross, of Tweedmouth, the present incumbent of the office of the postmaster general, is expected to act for another year.

The Peter McGreggor, A.S.S., who was well known in Edinburgh musical circles, has been killed in action.

The King in Council has sanctioned the institution of a new Edinburgh University degree, viz. Bachelor of Education.

Provis. Turnbull, bridge of the river, has intimated his intention of resigning after 19 years' service on the town council.

The Provost of Prestwick, James Thomas, has reported that he is fit to take up duty as motor transport.

A party of 22 Serbian boys arrived in Glasgow, brought by the arrangement with the Serbian Education Committee, London.

A well known figure in the Scottish bar, William King, collector of the Dundee and Perth, has been appointed to the office of clerk of the peace for the county of Perth.

Mr. Harry Lauder has purchased the estate of Glenbarrow, in the parish of Dalrymple, Argyllshire, consisting of about 14,000 acres.

Sir Robert Innes has determined to resign the Lord Provost of Edinburgh. The name of the successor, Lord MacLeod, has been mentioned in connection with the vacancy.

Miles of fields have been watered at Kirkintilloch, where the wind and air overtook the water and in many places the water has moved the foundations of the buildings.

While the swiftness of the sea swamped her and she was rescued, the ship was damaged. The crew was rescued by the crew of the ship.

McClure, in view of complaints of the inefficient lighting of the streets, the chief contractor has arranged the lighting of the streets, bringing the matter to the attention of the city.

A window in memory of Taylor, A.S.S., has been erected in the tower of St. Andrew's Church, City of Edinburgh.

The western branch of the Education Association, meeting in Glasgow, decided to register to school teachers of the west of Scotland for a subscription to all teachers of the Schools.

A convoy of motor ambulances consisting of 25 ambulances, repair cars, a kitchen car, a stretcher car, and a first aid car, has been sent to the front by the Red Cross Society to the Russian front.

CONTINUITY OF WET WEATHER

Curious Statistics Collected by Mr. E. V. Newham of the Meteorological Society, that the rainfall of several days in the British Isles in order to show how often rain falls in the three successive runs of three days of one week. The statistics are as follows: It is generally expected that a fine day will be followed by a fine day, but statistics do not show the expectation of rain on a particular day has been found to increase rapidly as the number of days preceding it increases, and diminish in accordance with the law of successive fine days. The law is as follows: After very long periods of one kind of weather, the probability of further rain increases as the number of days of the one kind increases. The same law holds for the expectation of a wet or dry hour, or day, or week. It is found that at Valencia, on seven successive days of rain, the eighth day brought rain for the first time in twenty-four hours, and the ninth day brought rain for the first time in thirty-six hours. For near London, the corresponding increase is less, namely, from two to seven days.

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