

RUSSIAN FLEET COMING TO ATTACK CONSTANTINOPLE

It Will Make an Attempt Through the Bosphorus—Has Been Sighted 140 Miles From the Capital of Turkey

North of Arras, the Allies Have Retaken Most of the Trenches They Lost to the Germans on Wednesday—Bucharest Despatch Says Austrians Have Evacuated Czernowitz.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, March 5.—The Russian Black Sea fleet, composed of six battleships, two protected cruisers and a number of smaller vessels, is steaming down the east coast of Turkey to attack Constantinople, through the Bosphorus, according to Rome despatches this afternoon. The Russian squadron was sighted off Burghas, Bulgaria, steaming south toward the Bosphorus. At that time she was within 125 nautical miles of the Bosphorus, and about 140 miles from the Ottoman capital.

Allies Recapture Lost Trenches.

(Special to the Whig.)

Paris, March 5.—(3 p.m. official).—After five days battle, the allied troops have occupied the greater part of the village of Vanquois, southwest of Varennes, according to official despatches received here to-day.

North of Arras, in the region of Notre Dame De Lorette, the Allies have recaptured the greater part of the advanced trenches they lost to the Germans on Wednesday, taking in addition about 150 prisoners.

German shells are again falling upon the cathedral at Rheims.

Czernowitz Evacuated by Austrians.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, March 5.—Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, has been evacuated by the Austrians, under the severe Russian bombardment, according to a despatch received here this afternoon from Bucharest.

CONSTANTINOPLE WILL NOT SUFFER A BOMBARDMENT

For the Old Turks Have Sent Word to Britain That They Will Flee to Asia in Order to Save Islam's Capital From Destruction.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, March 5.—Constantinople will not suffer a bombardment. The Old Turks have sent word to Britain that once the allied fleet batters its way through the Dardanelles, they will flee to Asia to save Islam's capital from destruction.

This sums up the statement made to me to-day by a high official of the British government. For the present, at least, he insisted that his name be not used.

"The Old Turk party is overwhelmed at the show of Britain's naval strength," he told me. "The battering in of the outer forts of the Dardanelles astounded the Turkish leaders. They want to make a show of resistance at the remaining forts to save their faces before the Turkish people. But above all things they have sent word that they want to preserve the Turkish Moslems from devastation by shells from the Christians."

From other sources I learned to-day that the government is confident that once the allied fleet passes the Dardanelles Narrows, the Islamic Turks will flee from Stamboul. The Ottoman capital will be surrendered to the British-French fleet.

According to rumors prevalent here the Russians will be permitted to take possession of Pera, a suburb of Constantinople, but the Dardanelles will be declared neutral forever. A deep feeling of satisfaction pervades England to-day, as rumors spread of the plan to surrender Constantinople. In every quarter, the fall of the Ottoman capital would be considered the turning point of the war. The English public does not want to see Constantinople bombarded into ruins.

Germans Fail To Cut Off Russian Forces

Petrograd, March 5.—The German forces in Northern Poland are attempting to break through the Russian fortified lines near the Prussian frontier by capturing the fortress of Osowetz. This battle is proceeding with increased violence. The Germans have



SOUTH AMERICAN GERMAN ON WAY HOME. This picture, taken in New York, shows a number of Germans who were fighting in South America, and who were captured by the British but were released because they were civilians.

GREECE GETTING RESTIVE. Public Opinion Urging For Immediate Action.

Athens, March 5.—Greek public opinion, which has followed the bombardment of the Dardanelles with the fiercest emotion, is becoming daily more restive in favor of Greek participation in the expedition and even the Government press urges immediate action. The Hestia, which is the most cautious of Government papers, points out that, while Roumania and Bulgaria might rightly receive compensation for mere neutrality, Greece cannot hope to obtain recognition of her historic national rights unless she takes an energetic part in the campaign on the side of the Triple Entente powers and the Hestia assures the Government that the Greek people are willing to submit to "great sacrifices to obtain this end."

TO SECURE EXTENSION. Insurance Companies May Avoid Special Legislation.

Ottawa, March 5.—The minister of justice has given notice of a resolution providing that any insurance companies whose power to apply for a license under the Insurance act will expire before the next session of Parliament may obtain an extension of such power until the end of the next session of Parliament by filing a notice in prescribed form with the superintendent of insurance and paying a fee of \$100. This will obviate the necessity of special legislation in each case.

BELL-IRVING FAMILY BADLY HIT BY WAR

Wainwright, Alta., March 5.—In 1910 the total wheat shipped from Wainwright was two carloads. Last year two carloads a day were shipped from the private loading platforms alone for six weeks running. The total wheat shipment in 1913 was estimated at 710,000 bushels. The acreage for this year will show a tremendous increase and 1916 will go down into history as the biggest agricultural year Wainwright ever had.

TWO KILLED, TWO WOUNDED, AND TWO FEMALE MEMBERS SUFFERED AT SCARBOROUGH.

London, March 5.—The family of Lieut. Bell-irving, Canadian Engineer, who was officially reported killed Monday night, has been particularly hard hit in the war. Two others of the dozen now serving in the forces are wounded, and one had been killed. Three brothers are with the Canadian contingent attached to the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders. Two female members of the family were hit during the Scarborough bombardment.

MAY IMPORT FROM GERMANY. No Objections to Securing Explosives and Other Material.

London, March 5.—Exportations from Germany for instance, if we require explosives and can get them from Germany—we certainly shall do so," he said. "If it is necessary that we should get, and if we can get some goods from Germany—for instance, if we require explosives and can get them from Germany—we certainly shall do so," he said.

Six German Submarines Have Been Lost

London, March 5.—Six German submarines have been lost since the beginning of the war, it was asserted at the admiralty offices to-day, following the announcement from the French Minister of Marine that a German submarine U-5 was sunk by French destroyers in the channel off Dover. These include the U-15, sunk by the British cruiser Birmingham, on Aug. 9th; the U-18, rammed by a British patrol boat, Nov. 22nd; the U-5, sunk by the French; and three other submarines whose identity has not been established. The Admiralty, in compiling this estimate, gives full credence to the story of the capture of the collier Thorold, that he sank the German U-5 submarine on Jan. 23rd. The Mendelssohn Choir concert in Toronto realized over \$4,000 for the Red Cross and Belgian funds. Teacher H. E. Lee, Toronto, was granted leave of absence to go to the war.

INDIA'S FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

No Special War Taxes to Make Up Present and Future Deficits.

Delhi, March 5.—Sir William S. Meyer, financial secretary, delivered his budget statement before a crowded attendance of the India Council yesterday. He announced a deficit of £2,750,000 for the current financial year, and obligations, a similar deficit for the year commencing April 1st, 1915. This shortage, he said, had been due to the effect of the war on railway and customs receipts. He proposed no additional taxation to meet these deficits, as they were due to special causes.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS WERE FELT IN ITALY

No Damage Was Done But Panic Was Quite Evident—People Aroused.

(Special to the Whig.) Florence, Italy, March 5.—The cities of Bologna and Leghorn, to-day, reported strong earthquake shocks occurring last night at eight o'clock. No damage was done, but residents of the two cities were thrown into panic. Leghorn is about fifty miles west of Florence, on the coast. Bologna is about the same distance to the north.

RAMMED SUBMARINE.

Special to the Whig. London, March 5.—The admiralty has made the official announcement that an examination of the collier Thorold confirms the statement of Captain Bell that the collier rammed and sank a German submarine which had fired a torpedo at her.

MAKING PROGRESS IN THE PASSAGE OF DARDANELLES

(Special to the Whig.) London, March 5.—Pounding away at Forts Kilit Bahr and Chanak, 145 miles from Constantinople, the Allied fleet has made further progress in its attempt to force the Dardanelles. Athens despatches asserted to-day Chanak's fire has become more feeble and Vice-Admiral Carden is confident that the Turkish stronghold will crumble within forty-eight hours. But in spite of the optimistic reports from Athens, the admiralty officials declared to-day that the heaviest fighting inside the Dardanelles is yet to begin. Steaming past Kilit Bahr and Chanak, the Allied fleet will meet the plunging fire of modern Krupp guns for a distance of nearly twenty miles before they emerge in the Marmora Sea for the final dash upon the Ottoman capital. From the high hills overlooking a waterway, barely more than a mile in width, German and Turkish artillerymen will hurl ton after ton of metal upon Carden's great fleet, which will be further menaced by mine fields. The admiralty issued a warning to the British public not to expect the fall of the sultan's capital without obstinate and prolonged resistance. Fort Namazieh, overlooking Kilit Bahr, on the European side, is pouring a terrific shell fire in the direction of the British battleships, according to the latest despatches from Athens. The fort's modern guns, evidently manned by Germans, are keeping the bombarding fleet at a distance of several thousand yards from Kilit Bahr, whose weaker guns are sending shells that fall short of the battleships. None of Namazieh's three batteries has been silenced.

ATTACK ON SUBMARINE

By An Armed Yacht In The Irish Sea.

London, March 5.—In reference to the announcement of the German Legation at The Hague that the German submarine U-21 was fired upon by a British steam yacht, the Daily Chronicle is now permitted to publish a despatch which its Southampton correspondent sent on February 17th. The incident occurred on the Fishguard to Rosslare route, when the U-21 was pursuing her destructive policy in the Irish Sea. The vessel which fired at the submarine was formerly a private steam yacht, but has been a patrol ship since the outbreak of the war. Her commander one morning had been seen on the route between Fishguard and Rosslare. The captain proceeded towards the point indicated and suddenly sighted the submarine some four thousand yards away. Those on the patrol ship declared it was the U-21. The ship was, of course, armed, a fact which those on board the submarine apparently did not realize. The patrol ship opened fire on the submarine with her two eight-pound guns, and five rounds secured a perfect target. In all, nine rounds were fired, and some of the shots must have taken effect. Suddenly the submarine went under and the patrol ship made for port. The Chronicle's informant, who was a member of the patrol ship's party, was unable to state positively that any of the shots from the ship took effect, but the prevailing opinion among the crew was that the submarine had been severely damaged.

HEARING OF THE VERDICT.

The court was proceeding with another case when the jury sent word to the sheriff that they had agreed upon a verdict. Immediately the jury box was cleared of the crowd which had eagerly taken advantage of the seats when they were vacated, and the jury filed in, led by the constable in charge. Dr. Robinson clung to the railing of the prisoner's dock to brace himself for the ordeal. He watched the jurors anxiously, and appeared to be somewhat worried by the heavy strain of the proceedings, but he was still possessed of the iron nerve which stood by him from the beginning of his trial. The audience, at times a very unruly one, during the hearing of the evidence, became silent. As the clerk of the court arose to receive the verdict and record it to the court, one could have heard a pin drop.

LEAVES FOR FRANCE.

Prescott, March 5.—Henry Douglas, who for so many years was employed at the post office here, left yesterday for Boulogne, France, where he accepted a position with the Canadian post office staff now at the front in Northern France. The Citizens' band escorted him to the depot, where many residents of the town had gathered to bid him farewell.

THE GERMANS HAVE CONFISCATED \$6,000,000 WORTH OF HIDES FOUND IN BELGIAN TANNERIES.

The Germans have confiscated \$6,000,000 worth of hides found in Belgian tanneries.

THE COURT ROOM CROWD CHEERED OVER ACQUITTAL

Of Dr. Clifford K. Robinson on the Charge of Murdering Miss Blanche Yorke, of Tamworth, Last July.

Judge Had to Call For Order—There Was Great Excitement Over Trial—Dr. Robinson Shook Hands With the Jurymen and Received Congratulations of the People.

(By Staff Reporter.)

Napanee, March 4.—Dr. Clifford K. Robinson is a free man. This afternoon, the twelve men empaneled in the jury in his trial for the murder of Miss Blanche Yorke, returned a verdict of "not guilty." The young physician was then discharged by Justice Sutherland and came to Kingston on the evening train.

That the verdict was a popular one, was shown by the demonstration which followed his acquittal. As the words "not guilty" were uttered by the foreman of the jury the crowd in the court room sent up a cheer that almost shook the building. The sheriff and constables called "Order!" but for a minute there was pandemonium, and it was not until the justice on the bench interrupted that order was restored. The court room was jammed to the doors when the verdict was rendered. Many of those present had remained in the court room during the lunch hour, in order that they would be sure of their seats, and appeared to be quite willing to sacrifice their mid-day meal, in order that they might be present when the jury returned the verdict.

The acquittal of Dr. Robinson brought to a close one of the most sensational murder trials ever conducted in eastern Ontario. The trial opened on Tuesday afternoon, and the verdict was returned on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. The evidence was in the hands of the jury Thursday afternoon about one o'clock. The judge took occasion to compliment both the crown counsel, J. A. Hutchinson, Brockville, and T. C. Robinette, Toronto, counsel for the accused, for the able manner in which they had conducted the case.

WAS ACROSS THE BORDER.

Although nothing was brought out in the evidence as to where Dr. Robinson went when he left Tamworth, after the death of Miss Yorke, it is understood that he was in New York state part of the time, and that he was also in the vicinity of Kingston for a while.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Hand at the Palace Rink to-night. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

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DIED.

KING—At Kingston, on Friday, March 5th, Eliza Mary, wife of J. G. King. Funeral (private). Please omit flowers.

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