

## THE ALLIES HAVE BEGUN TO SQUEEZE THE ENEMY

### Berlin War Office Admits Allies Offensive.

### PETROGRAD AND PARIS

### BOTH ISSUE DECIDEDLY OPTIMISTIC REPORTS.

### Passenger Service Between France and England to Be Extended—There is Less Dread of the Submarine

London, March 8.—According to despatches from Berlin to-day, the war office officially admits that Germany's enemies are on the offensive on both eastern and western fronts. This is regarded as highly significant of the fact that the Russians on the east and the French-British on the west have begun their long promised squeezing of Germany's legions back towards their own frontiers. Official reports from both Petrograd and Paris to-day are decidedly optimistic.

### Less Dread of Submarine

London, March 8.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Flushing, Holland, says an easier feeling with regard to the German submarine blockade is indicated by the announcement that beginning March 9th, passenger service to England by the liners of the Zealand Company will be considerably extended. At present the British authorities permit only two hundred passengers to leave England daily.

The rush of passengers in Flushing bound for England is enormous. Thousands are awaiting accommodation. All available cabins have been booked up to March 17th.

### Canadians Wounded

Corporal George Stewart Le Mesurier, suffering from a gun-shot wound in the chest, is at a hospital in Boulogne.

Among other Canadians wounded are: Lieut. J. Dossie, Campbellford; Private R. McQueen, Mt. Vernon, P.E.I.; Lance-Corpl. B. Y. Williamson, Ludington, Mich. Pte. W. G. Joyner, Moose Jaw; Lance-Corpl. A. G. Viers, Dicksburg; Lieut. C. J. Morgan, St. John, N.B., is seriously ill in hospital at Northerton, Eng.

### War Tidings

Germany is building at Kiel fifteen small submarines of a new type which will be used for reconnoitering the home coast in the Baltic Sea. Germans up to the age of fifty-five years, who two months ago were declared unfit for military service, now have been called upon to undergo training with younger recruits.

The Roumanian Parliament has passed a law empowering the government to proclaim a state of siege until the end of the war, if such a step should be deemed necessary.

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All Greek army officers in Switzerland were recalled Saturday. Other Greeks of military age must present themselves at the offices of the consul-general in Geneva before March 11th.

The university students in the Greek capital made a demonstration Sunday in favor of immediate action by Greece. The legations of the triple entente powers were visited by the students and cheered.

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung prints a Vienna despatch, which says that the opinion prevails in the Austrian capital that the Greek government will decide upon military measures which will result in armed neutrality. The open swerving of the Greeks from neutrality is improbable, according to the despatch.

### French Push On Munster; Key to Rhine

London, March 8.—As a climax of a week's furious fighting in the Vosges the French are now pushing rapidly on Munster, the last remaining obstacle to the advance on Colmar, key to the centre position in the Rhine line of the Germans. Munster is ten miles west of Colmar, which already is under bombardment by the French aviators. If successful in placing the French in place in a difficult position, the army which is holding Muelhausen and Altkirch against French attackers operating from Belfort to the southwest.

Development of the fighting in the northern Vosges has been rapid while the operations against Muelhausen and Altkirch practically have been suspended. Evidently Gen. Gallieni is aiming to cut off Muelhausen and Altkirch by severing their lines of communication and supply from the north, frontal attacks having failed owing to the strength of the German position at these two points.

A magnificent Lutheran church, costing \$50,000, was dedicated at Berlin.

### PARDON FOR GIBSON.

It is understood that friends of Joseph Gibson, Toronto, who was sentenced to life imprisonment, the murder of Joseph Rosenthal, have made application for a ticket of leave or a pardon. Gibson was sentenced to be hanged, but a large petition was drawn up in Toronto in his behalf and was presented to the minister of justice, after which the prisoner's sentence was changed to life imprisonment.

### GREEKS DIVIDED; PEACE OR WAR

### Venizelos, Who Wants to Fight, Has Strong Following.

London, March 8.—Greece apparently is at the parting of the ways, with her King exerting his influence to maintain the neutrality of his country in opposition to Eleutherios Venizelos, the retiring premier, and the man to whom Greece owes her revival.

King Constantine won great popularity by the successful manner in which he led the last two Balkan wars. This popularity, however, he shared with M. Venizelos, to whose diplomacy in the conferences following the war Greece is said to owe her success and whose organization was largely responsible for her ability to fight as she did.

The retiring premier also was the moving spirit in the Balkan Alliance, which united the Balkan states against Turkey.

There seems to be some doubt, however, whether the deputies will follow any other leader than Venizelos.

### WANTS FEDERAL AID.

### Mayor Suggests Means of Relieving the Unemployed.

Montreal, March 9.—Mayor Martin claims that the people of the Dominion who are thrown out of work as a result of the war have as much right to protection from the government as have the families of those who have volunteered for active service, and he wrote yesterday to Premier Borden about the matter.

Mayor Martin, who says there are 100,000 in need of the government's help, asks that a law be passed empowering municipalities, during the war, to draw on the federal war budget, so that lodging, food, warmth and medical treatment where necessary may be provided for families who may be said to be without means of subsistence, and that the municipalities be allowed to delegate their powers to charitable organizations.

### ITALY AND BALKANS WILL JOIN ALLIES

### This is Belief in Washington Whose Negotiations Are Kept Secret.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, March 8.—Because of the most universal belief here that Italy and most of the Balkan states will enter the European war in a very short time, the Administration has veiled all its pending negotiations in secrecy. Secretary of State Bryan refuses to disclose the text of his messages to England and France asking them to tell how they intend to shut off German commerce. This was because it is believed the matter will involve protracted negotiations and every precaution is to be taken to prevent premature publicity from embarrassing both sides.

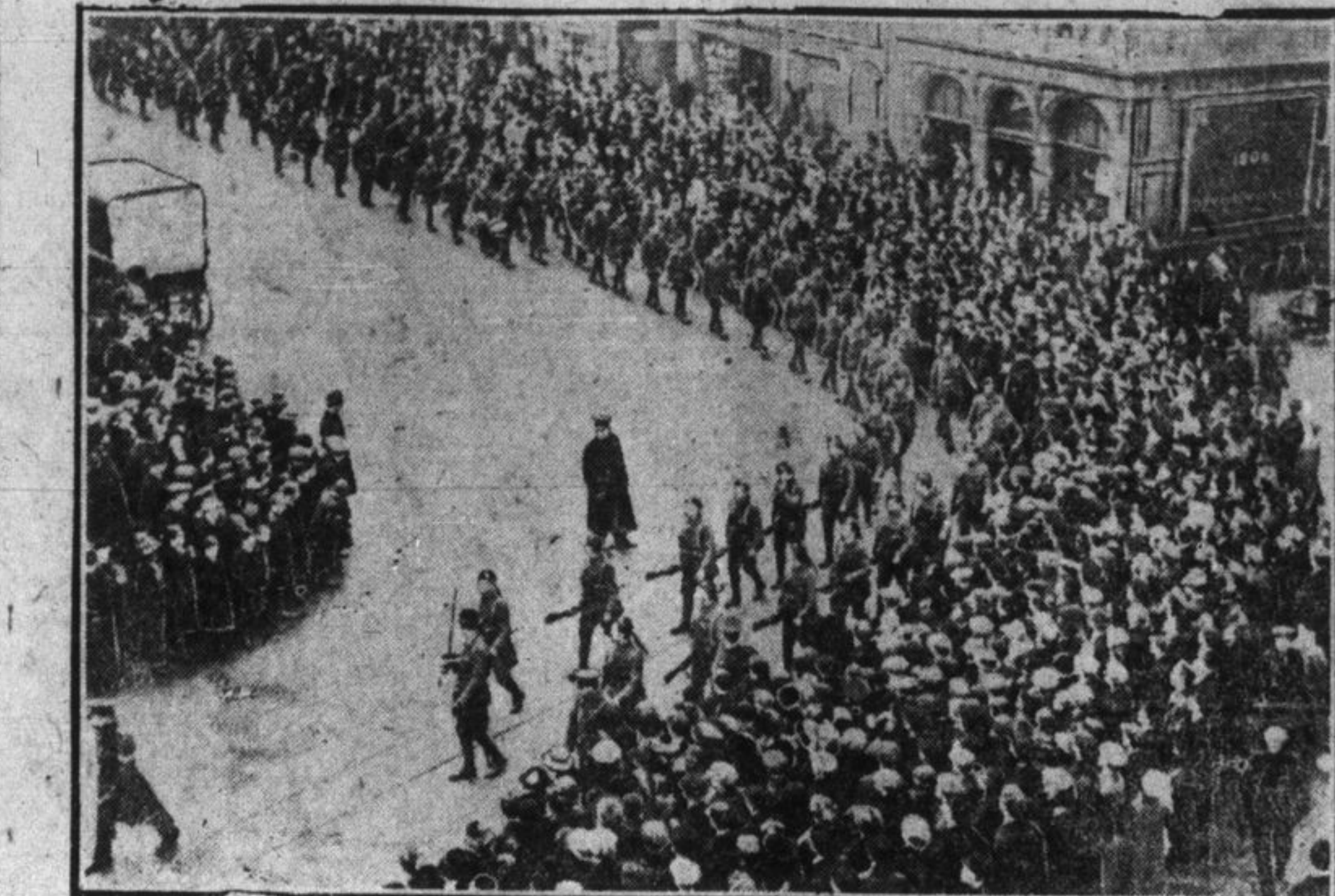
Unofficial state department advisers said the British-French plans provide for Constantinople's investment by the end of this month. It is said that the Turkish-German forces will not attempt to defend the city but if defeated at the last line of forts will evacuate. It is believed here, however, that the impetuosity of the Turkish capital's capture will force Greece into the war and that Italy and the remaining Balkan states will have to follow the self-protection. That this will shorten the war is the belief of the officials in touch with the situation.

### GERMANY'S SUPPLY DWINDLES.

### Deprived of Purchasing Bottle Per Week in Schleswig.

Copenhagen, March 8.—Reports received here from Schleswig are to the effect that the supply of petroleum in Germany has become so small that persons who formerly were permitted to purchase one bottle a week have now been deprived of that privilege. The stock in Schleswig has been practically exhausted.

## BRITONS AT CAPTAIN'S FUNERAL



The funeral of Captain Carl Erdmann, commander of the German cruiser Bluecher sunk in the famous North sea battle, was celebrated with full military honors at Edinburgh. The procession started from the castle with a German flag draping the gun carriage.

### LUMBERMAN RAN AMUCK.

### Killed Five Men and Wounded Others in Georgia Town.

Brunswick, Ga., March 8.—Four men were shot and killed and twelve others seriously wounded here Saturday by Monroe Phillips, a lumberman, who fired at random on the street. Phillips himself was killed by a policeman, who sought to arrest him. One of the men killed was H. F. Dunwoody, a prominent attorney. The others killed were W. M. Hackett, an undertaker; Rex Deavers, a policeman; W. P. Padgett, a former policeman, and George W. Asbell, motorman. Several of the wounded are prominent citizens of Brunswick.

Worried over financial difficulties, which he blamed on others, he said to have made Phillips temporarily insane.

### ALLIED FLEET ENTERS DARDANELLES NARROWS

### And is Bombarding the Turkish Forts on Both Sides of the Straits.

London, March 8.—The allied fleet has entered the narrows of the Dardanelles and is now bombarding forts on both sides of the strait. Two Turkish land defences have been severely damaged and the magazine of one blown up by the warship's shells.

The Admiralty's statement was taken to mean that the guns of Kild Bahr, on the European side of the Dardanelles, and possibly of Chanak, on the Asiatic side have been silenced by the Anglo-French fleet. Both these strong fortresses, lying about fifteen miles inside the strait, have been subjected to terrific pounding for several days.

The "narrows" of the Dardanelles, mentioned in the official statement, is the strip of waterway one and one-half miles in width leading past Gallipoli and into the Sea of Marmora. Once the allied fleet passes the narrows, which is thickly strewn with mines and commanded by modern forts, the way will be fairly clear to Constantinople.

### SAW FREIGHTER SUNK.

### Ryndham Passengers Say That Big One Was Blown Up.

New York, March 8.—Passengers aboard the steamer Ryndham, which dived at Hoboken Saturday, said they saw a big freighter blown up in the English channel of Dover, either by a submarine or by a mine on the afternoon of February 24th. The freighter carried no flag, they said, and her crew was taken off by a destroyer, which signalled the Ryndham to keep away, as the channel was full of mines.

### PANAMA CANAL IS BLOCKED.

### Culebra Cut Slide Stops All But Small Vessels.

Panama, March 8.—The Panama Canal has been closed to all but the lighter draft ships by a rapid slide of earth from the top of the Culebra cut, at a point north of Goldhill. A further slide is probable but no serious tie-up is expected.

Several vessels of 30-foot draft are being delayed for a few days. The present channel is insufficient for navigation by ships with a draft of 29 feet. At one point the present channel is very narrow.

### FATHER A RICH ABERDEENIAN.

James Glennie, of London, Identified by Fellow Countryman.

London, Ont., March 8.—The discovery was made accidentally here Saturday afternoon that James Glennie, who died in Victoria Hospital Friday night after lying unconscious for some days, was the son of a wealthy merchant in Aberdeen, Scotland. Glennie was found in the street unconscious. A brother in Manchester, New Hampshire, had been searching for him for years.

Glennie's identity was discovered by a barber from Aberdeen, who saw the body after it had been sent to the medical school for the students. He at once offered to pay for burial and communicated with the brother in New Hampshire.

Adolphe Pegand, the noted French aviator, was rewarded by the Government for distinguished service to the army.

### BURNING LINER

### Will Reach Havre on Monday Night or Tuesday.

### FIRE UNDER CONTROL

### STEAMERS WERE SOON ON HAND TO GIVE AID.

And the Passengers Were in No Danger—Fog and Danger of Mines Make Progress to French Coast Slow.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, March 8.—Steaming slowly through a dense fog, the French liner La Touraine was early today reported about 100 miles west of the English coast. The fire in her hold is believed to be under control. Under convoy of the Holland-American liner Rotterdam, she will reach Havre either late tonight or to-morrow.

The Rotterdam was less than 100 miles from La Touraine when the latter threw out her call for help, according to a wireless to-day from Captain Harris, of the Cornishman. Other steamers closed in so rapidly that the passengers and crew of the blazing liner were in no serious danger, except from an explosion of her cargo of cartridges.

The Cornishman, Captain Harris, messaged, was eighty-five miles from a Touraine when she caught "S. O. S." She put about, and dashed to her aid. When his ship was only twenty-five miles away, Capt. Harris reported he received a wireless from the Rotterdam saying she already had reached the liner and was escorting her to port.

Because of fog and of the necessity of steaming slowly through the Channel to avoid mines and possible submarine attacks the owners of La Touraine said that she may not reach port until Tuesday.

### HOME FROM BOHEMIA AFTER LONG WAITING

### Miss Cross, Vankleek Hill, Left There Just One Month Ago.

Vankleek Hill, March 8.—Miss Margaret Cross, daughter of Mr. Albert J. Cross, Vankleek Hill, reached home last Friday after some interesting experiences in Austria.

Miss Cross has resided for nearly four years in Austria, most of which time she spent in Bohemia. She is a professional violinist, and has been studying music there under a famous Bohemian professor.

At the beginning of hostilities Miss Cross was obliged to cancel her concert engagements in Silesia and has been waiting for an opportunity to return home, but until a month ago no permission was granted her to leave Austria. Any attempt to leave without permission might have resulted in imprisonment. She travelled to Genoa, Italy, from where she took passage on the Finland for New York.

Miss Cross, while in Italy, had conversations with several prominent military officials. One of these officials told her that beyond any question Italy and Rumania would be at war with Austria inside of two months, and in all probability sooner. He said that all preparations were nearly completed in Italy.

Miss Cross has great admiration for the people of Bohemia, and says they are an afflicted people under the rule of the Austrian Government. They dislike the German people, and long to regain their former independence.

### The Thaw Trial On in New York; Jerome Absent

(Special to the Whig.)

New York, March 8.—With his "Nemesis," William T. Jerome, absent and his defense a mystery, Harry K. Thaw, to-day, went on trial before Justice Page, of the Supreme Court criminal branch, on a charge of conspiring to escape August 17th, 1913, from Mattewan Asylum, when he got into Canada. The conclusion of the trial, within a week, was predicted by both sides. Win or lose, Thaw will never return to Matteawan, his counsel confidently declared to-day. They and the prosecution promise sensational testimony. Rumors of the disclosure of a "higher up," who was go-between in Thaw's escape, were also rife.

### TO MAKE JOFFRE A NOBLE.

Paris, March 8.—A patent of nobility for General Joffre suggested title the Duc de la Marne—the latest proposal, says the Cri de Paris, for expressing France's gratitude to the national hero.

During the recent discussion of the subject at one of the most aristocratic clubs an authentic prince informed his surprised hearers that the prerogative formerly vested in the King of creating nobles was never abolished and still is retained technically by the president, or head of the state. The Cri de Paris concludes: "Although at first sight it appears anomalous that a republican chief executive should confer titles, it must be remembered that that of field marshal or other military rank will expire with Joffre, whose fame merits to be perpetuated by permanent nobility."

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Napacene, March 8.—A sequel to the trial of William Wells, for sending a threatening letter to Margery Young, last week, occurred Saturday afternoon, when they made up their differences, and surprised everybody by suddenly getting married.

### A CLOSE CALL.

### Cobourg Man in House Where Shell Killed Six.

Cobourg, March 8.—Major (Rev.) William Beattie, who is Brigade Chaplain to the 1st Brigade of 5,000 men, First Canadian Expeditionary Force, in writing to friends here states that Major Swadling, Cobourg, was in a kitchen, where he happened to go for a cup of tea, when a shell burst, killing six of the nine men who were in the building. He was badly shaken up, but is back on duty. Major Swadling left Cobourg soon after the war broke out to offer his services to his country. Before sailing for England he was married to a nurse in Toronto, who it is understood is at work at the front. Major Swadling is well known in this district, where he has conducted a garage for some years. He has a son with the First Canadian Expeditionary Force.

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## BRITAIN FLATLY DENIES THE CLAIMS OF TURKS

### That French and British Cruisers Were Badly Damaged.

### CAME THROUGH BERLIN

### SHELLING OF THE ASIATIC CITY OF SYMNA.

### Pouring an Incessant Fire Upon Turkish Land Batteries—Civilians Have Fled To the Hills—Modern Turkish Fortifications Maintain a Stubborn Defense.

(Special to the Whig.)

London, March 8.—A French cruiser was put out of action and an English cruiser badly damaged during the Sunday afternoon bombardment of the Dardanelles, the Turkish war office claimed in an official statement, given on Sunday, and transmitted here by wireless from Berlin. Unofficial dispatches, Berlin wireless, confirmed the Turkish claims. Turkish shells exploded on the deck of the French warship, killing many of her crew. She steamed slowly out of the fighting line with her upper works in flames.

British admiralty officers flatly denied the claims of the Turks. They asserted that the latest official dispatches from Vice-Admiral Carden reported the Allied fleet bombardings forts at long range, outside the fire of the forts.

The shelling of the Asiatic city of Smyrna has been resumed by the British East Indian fleet, according to Athens despatches to-day. Rear Admiral Peir's squadron has been reinforced by a French warship and a flotilla of smaller craft, including mine sweepers, and is pouring an incessant fire upon the Turkish land batteries. Nearly all the civilians in Smyrna, a city of 200,000, have fled to the hills, Athens reported. Part of the 35,000 troops in the Smyrna garrison are throwing up entrenchments behind the city to guard the Smyrna-Constantinople railway.

From the Gulf of Saros the big guns of the Queen Elizabeth, directed by aviators, were hurling great masses of metal against Fort Kild Bahr, when last reports reached the admiralty. Her shells, according to seven miles of flat peninsula land, were plunging into the rear batteries of the Turkish fortress. Inside the strait modern Turkish fortifications are maintaining a stubborn defense, the admiralty admitted to-day. It was for this reason that the Queen Elizabeth was assigned to make an indirect attack from the Gulf of Saros.

### War Tidings.

The Przemysl garrison is no longer attempting sorties, but the fortress artillery is firing an enormous quantity of heavy shells, which, however, are quite harmless. The Russians brought down a German machine at Sokolka.

On Saturday three cruisers in the Gulf of Saros bombarded across the Gallipoli peninsula the Turkish fort Kild Bahr, exploding a powder magazine. The bombardment continues very satisfactorily.

The battleship Queen Elizabeth and Prince George and the battle cruiser Indefatigable with eight 15-inch guns and an even dozen 12 inch guns have seriously damaged two of the principal forts which guard the narrowest parts of straits from Europe side.

A semi-official estimate of the casualties in the German army to date place the figures at three million, including sick.

The trawler Bessie, sweeping for mines in the North Sea, was blown up and sunk on Saturday with her crew of nine.

The Austrian army under Archduke Joseph Ferdinand is in full flight towards the Pruth River, pursued by the Russians.

The White Star liner Megantic, with many Canadian aboard, arrived safely at Liverpool, Eng., on Saturday, after an uneventful voyage.

Russian troops are continuing with the same success their offensive operations in the vicinity of the Terek river in Turkish Armenia, southwest of Batum. There have been no other encounters with the Turks on other parts of the Russian front.

The resignation of the Greek cabinet was presented to King Constantine on Saturday. Athens newspapers consider the intervention of Greece in the European conflict certain, although several opinions are expressed as to the extent of co-operation with the Allies.

News from an island in the Aegean Sea says that two British dreadnoughts, two submarines and one cruiser arrived at Bryoula on Saturday. Smyrna forts opened fire but no damage resulted to the ships.

Loading German newspapers declare the seven British merchantmen have been sunk but admit that seven German submarines have also been sunk since the beginning of the blockade.

Official Canadian casualty list Sunday gives seven wounded, including Lieut. Dossie, a prominent business man of Campbellford, Ont., and former mayor, also two seriously ill, one with meningitis.

Germany is forwarding to the Swiss frontier, 30,000 interned French civilians for repatriation.

Camps for the second Canadian contingent are to be located at Canterbury, Sherbrooke and other places when the troops arrive.

### NOT FORCED TO MAKE SHELLS.

Pittsburg Workmen Allowed Option of Making War Supplies.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 8.—Workmen disapproving of warfare for humanitarian reasons are not compelled to join crews making shrapnel shells for European armies in a majority of the dozen or more Pittsburg plants turning out this material, it has been announced by officials of the factories. Mechanics are invited to assist in the work, but they are informed at the same time that there will be no insistence if they possess views antagonistic to furnishing war materials for a belligerent nation.

Thus far, it is said, only a comparatively small number have declined to be transferred to shell-making departments.

### Bars Liquor From Banquet.

Frederickton, N.B., March 8.—Lieutenant-Governor Money has placed the ban on intoxicating liquors at his social functions during the war, and there will be no wine served at the dinner in connection with the opening of the Legislature here next week.

### German Guns Are Engaged In Hot Attack

(Special to the Whig.)

Petrograd, March 8.—The Germans have taken a violent offensive in South-East Poland, the war office admitted to-day. For the first time in three weeks the region around Opoczno and Tomasz is being shaken by the boom of big guns. The right wing of Mackensen's army, west of Warsaw, is delivering infantry attacks against the Russian positions.

The enemy's threat along the Pila has developed into a big battle overshadowing for the instant all other operations in Poland. At least two German army corps are reported to be engaged.

There has been no news from the Russian forts around Stanislau or approaching Czernowitz for the last twenty-four hours.

### DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Board of Works, 4 p.m., Tuesday. Band at Palace Square, 10 p.m. See top of page 2, right hand corner, for probabilities.

### BORN.

LAIDLAW—In Kingston, February 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Laidlaw, a daughter.

SPEAGLE—In Westport, February 22, to Mr. and Mrs. James V. Speagle, a daughter.

### MARRIED.

TRAPPITT—Thomas, on March 6th, 1915, at 7:30 p.m., at residence of Mr. Charles Smith, 125 Bloor St., by Rev. O. J. Campbell, B.D. Dorothy Kathleen, daughter of Albert Thomas, to Corporal Arthur Trappitt, 21st Battalion, C.E.F.

### DIED.

CAMBRIDGE—In Kingston, on March 7th, 1915, Thomas Cambridge, Crimean Veteran, aged 88 years. Funeral from his late residence, 155 Ordinance street, to-morrow morning at 10:30, to Cataract cemetery.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

COOPER—In Kingston, on March 7th, 1915, Martha Matilda, widow of the late Richard Cooper, aged 70 years. Funeral from her late residence, 47 Concession street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

DIXON—In Battersay, March 6, 1915, William Dixon, aged 75 years. Funeral from his late residence, 10:30 o'clock on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock to Sand Hill vault.

FOSTER—On Sunday, the 7th of March, 1915, at 155 University Avenue, Janet Foster (nee Porter), Funeral (private) from the house of her brother, Charles Porter, 132 Baggot street.

WHITE—On March 7th, 1915, at the home, 109 Princess street, Alice White, formerly of Napawa, Ont. Funeral service, leaving at 5 o'clock at the above address, interment at Napawa.

WELSH—In Kingston, on March 7th, 1915, Mary Ellen, widow of the late John Welsh. Funeral will leave the family residence, 62 Earl street, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for St. Mary's Cathedral where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the happy repose of her soul.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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