

YEAR 83 - NO. 2

THE RUSSIANS GOING AHEAD

Huge Armies Continue Battle For Czernowitz.

BIG DRIVE STARTED

CAZAR'S FORCES AIM AT CITY OF LEMBERG.

A Few Days Will Decide Whether It Is To Be Crowned With Success.

London, Jan. 4.—The Galician front, the province of Volhynia and the western part of Bessarabia constitute the battleground of violent fighting between two huge armies, Russian and Austro-German, which began nearly a week ago, and is still in full swing, with the Russians the attackers, and with Romania's eventual aid, the prize coveted.

In Bucowina, the battle centres upon Czernowitz, the capital. Here the Russians, who Sunday stormed a height, are apparently making slow but steady headway. In Volhynia five-day battle has been going on 'on the Styx and on the Bug, northward of Czartorysk, north of Ratajowka, and to the Prut marshes; Czartorysk, on the Kovel-Sarny sector, has been for months bitterly contested, but never since the Galician battle. In the earlier stages of the war has the fighting for this point been so bitter and so protracted as it is in this latest struggle, still undecided.

On the eastern Galician front, which with the Bessarabian sector stretches close to the Romanian border, the battle rages chiefly southwards of Pnivopol, on the middle and upper Styx, the bridgehead of Burkanow and further beyond Wisnowszky to Buczae. Here the Russians are endeavouring to make a way toward Lemberg and capture that city. Czernowitz is considered by military experts the key to the Carpathians. Its capture by the Russians would compel the Teutons to abandon their positions near the Romanian frontier.

The Russians are now believed to be striving for a new great Galician drive which would necessitate the withdrawal of the Teuton menace to Roumania, so that the Czar may when he is in a position to make tangible representations at Bucharest and eventually swing Roumania into active co-operation with the Entente powers.

It was to this end that the Russian Army for months held in readiness in Bessarabia for a drive at Bulgaria through Roumanian territory was sent to Galicia and Volhynia. This army is believed to be well equipped with ammunition, principally from Japan.

TO USE A ZEPPELIN.

In Bands On Allied Warships Off Samsika.

(Special to the Whig.)—The armies of the Central Empires have taken about 2,000,000 prisoners since the beginning of the war.

A Zeppelin airship has arrived at Sofia and will proceed to the Bulgarian front, according to advice received here to-day. It will be used in raids on the Allied warships and transports at Samsika.

CONFIRMED THE REPORTS.

That Sir John Simon Has Resigned From Cabinet.

(Special to the Whig.)—London, Jan. 4.—Premier Asquith this afternoon confirmed the reports that Sir John Simon, Secretary of State for Home Affairs, has resigned from the Cabinet. Announcement was made in the House of Commons following to-day's session of the Cabinet on the conscription question.

NAPANEE ELECTED G. F. RUTTAN MAYOR.

The People Granted Exemption to the Napaneer Creamery Company.

RESPONSE MAGNIFICENT.

SITUATION CRITICAL.

(Special to the Whig.)—Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson to-day issued a statement in which he admitted that the present situation between United States and Austria is very grave. He added that he was co-operating with Secretary of State Lansing in effort to obtain full facts, and that as soon as this information is obtained this Government will act promptly. Officials of the State Department went further and declared that the situation was critical.

FIFTY BARS ARE CLOSED

By the Local Option Votes on Monday:

CITIES ARE STILL WET

GENERALLY FAVORABLE VOTES IN ONTARIO.

Owen Sound Stays Dry by Sustaining the By-law on Repeal Vote.

Three-fifths Clause Operates Against Passage in 13 Cases.

Toronto, Jan. 4.—Local option as a temperance measure is still a considerable force in Ontario, as shown by yesterday's vote in forty-seven municipalities. Out of thirteen, six heard from there were only five straight defeats. In thirteen municipalities which gave majorities the vote is ineffective because it lacked the necessary three-fifths required by the act.

Local option by-laws were carried in seven towns, five villages and four townships. Local option was sustained in repeat contests in Owen Sound, Finch-village and North Gower. Results of the repeat contest in Newboro are yet to come. No city went dry. Contests were held in eight cities, and three of them gave straight majorities against the by-law. The three-fifths clause keeps the others wet. The cities voting were: Belleville, Brantford, Port William, Niagara Falls, Port Arthur, Sarnia, Stratford and Woodstock.

BY-LAWS CARRIED.

	For	Against
Aurora	426	234
Carlton Place	465	289
Essex	214	135
Frontenac	95	71
Petrolia	442	292
Uxbridge	263	153
Wallaceburg	533	357
Bath	59	25
Lucan	132	75
OH Singers	104	52
Port Perry	234	126
Biddulph	183	104
Chapple	183	104
London, T.	210	186
Sombera	510	329

BY-LAWS SUSTAINED.

	Against	For	Repeal, repeat.
Owen Sound	53	50	
Finch	309	162	
North Gower	309	162	

DEFEATED BY THREE-FIFTHS.

	For	Against
Belleview	1,918	1,012
Brantford	3,135	2,177
Port Arthur	1,289	874
Sarnia	1,276	957
Woodstock	1,128	964
Oakville	393	322
Parry Sound	282	336
Thessalon	110	101
Whitby	331	223
Melville	150	107
Merrickville	170	102
N. Cayuga	247	169
Louth	265	264
Marlboro	169	114

DEFEATED BY MAJORITY.

	For	Against
Frontenac Ward	469	1,662
Niagara Falls	878	2,001
Stratford, N.	372	1,834
Niagara	142	179
Erin	72	81

CALLED TO COLORS.

(Special to the Whig.)—London, Jan. 4.—Single men, between the ages of twenty-three and twenty-six inclusive, who enlisted in the Derby recruiting campaign were to-day called to the colors to report for service on February 8th.

U. S. MUST TAKE DECISIVE STEPS.

To Have Illegal Submarine Warfare Stopped—President Wilson Returns.

(Special to the Whig.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson to-day took charge of the crisis over the submarine operations. He returned from his honeymoon at Hot Springs, confronted by the most serious and delicate dilemma of the war, as it affects future United States relations with the Allies. With the President's return, Congress reassembled to-day, and proposed to take a prominent part in the expected international denunciation. From all quarters, the White House, State Department and Capitol, came indications that prompt, decisive and salutary steps to stop the illegal submarine warfare were under way.

Col. Simpson Still in Jail.

London, Jan. 4.—Col. Simpson, who recently appeared in Bow Street charged with stealing 20,000 pounds, still remains in Brixton jail, where he was remanded last week.

His lawyers refuse at present to say whether he will fight against returning to Canada.

Will Be No Inquest.

Trenton, Jan. 4.—There will be no inquest on Frederick Neaz, killed in an automobile accident, as the other injured man states that it was purely accidental.

Utilities Commission

Reduction of Aldermen

Reduction of Aldermanic Term

Power for St. Ry. at 1.20 cents

Forst

1,236

1,256

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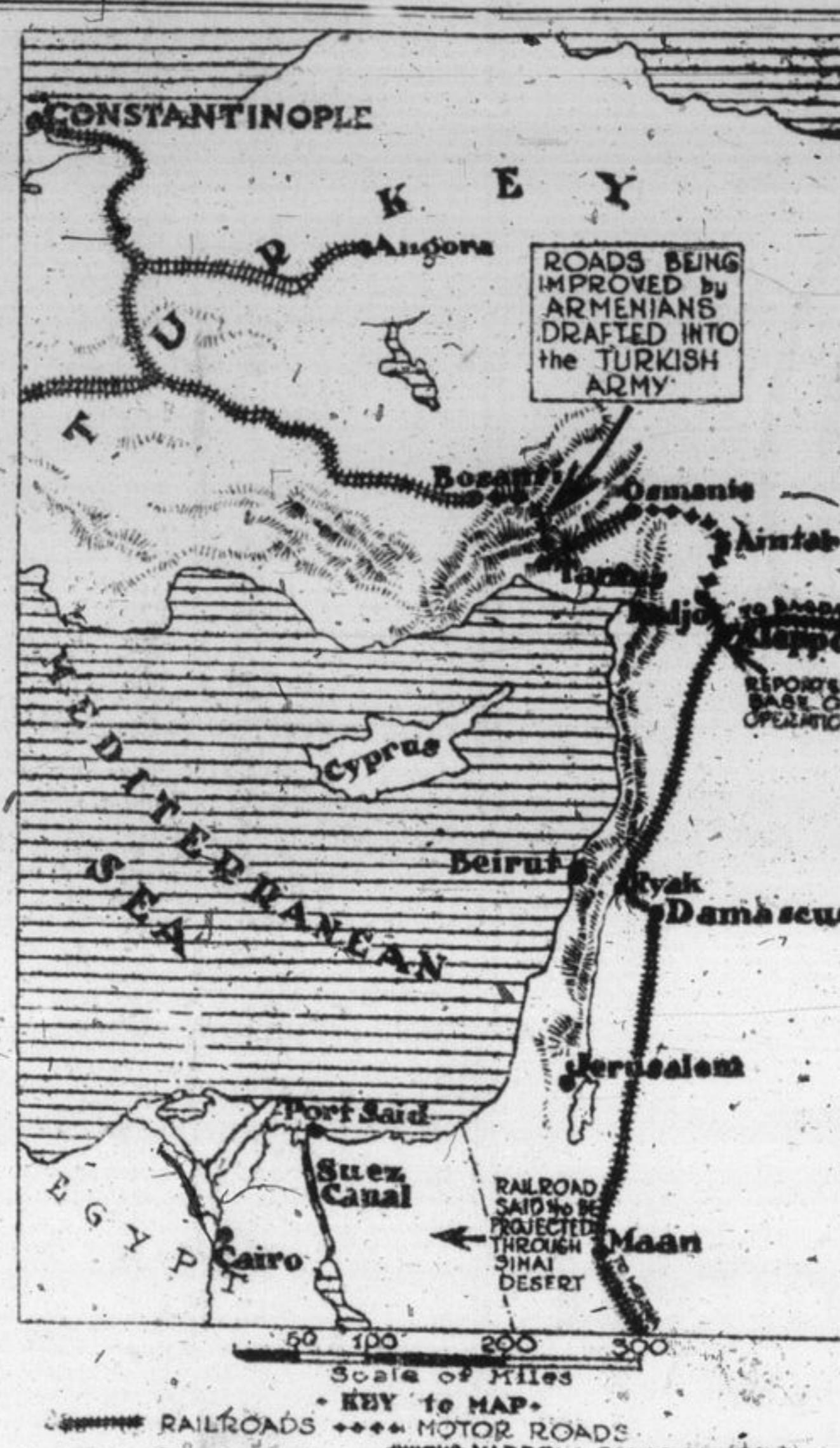
1,339

1,198

1,157

633

1,029



EXPECTS NO TORPEDO ATTACK.

Washington Skeptical About Warning To Lafayette Passengers.

Washington, Jan. 4.—At the French Embassy it was said that no information had been received there indicating that American had been warned not to take passage on the Lafayette. The importance of the warning is not overlooked elsewhere in Washington, however, in view of the renewal of Teutonic submarine activity, as instanced in the sinking of the Persia.

Officials here have a lively recollection of the events that preceded the sinking of the Lusitania and the warning received by intending passengers on the Lafayette who have served to give these warnings a pointed significance.

Should the Lafayette be interfered with by a German or Austrian submarine the United States Government would take cognizance of warnings received by passengers. These warnings would play a serious part in the consideration by the United States of the course it should follow. But the disposition here is to believe that the German Government would not sanction any attack without warning on the French liner. That question has been settled, officials believe, by the assurance given by Germany with respect to the Lusitania and the compliance of Austria-Hungary with the demands made by the United States in the case of the Ancon.

SAYS THE RUSSIANS CANNOT MAKE GAIN.

Major Morath Insists That the Teuton Positions are Unconquerable.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—By wireless to Saville.—Major Morath, military correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt, thinks that two events stand out of the calm general situation says the Overseas News Agency. These being British conquest and the Russian offensive on the Bessarabian front.

The military writer believes the British compulsory service, the agency adds, "to be a measure destined to throw dust into the eyes of England's satellites and that the British Army by no means be farger in the future."

Major Morath is of the opinion that Great Britain still has before her heavy struggles at Salonika and Egypt and Mesopotamia without mentioning the Dardanelles. He adds that the proposed will be further intended for the satisfaction of French exigencies since, according to French reports, it is to be understood that General Joffre, the French Commander-in-Chief, sent a sort of ultimatum to the British War Office.

The Russian offensive is believed by Major Morath to be due principally to the situation resulting from the arrival of Russia recently of Anglo-French inspectors. General Ivanoff's efforts, however, the writer says, are doomed to failure as the German and Austro-Hungarian positions must be considered unconquerable by the Russian attacks which are being carried out in the same manner as were those in the earlier Carpathian operations.

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France, to satisfy the needs of the army, has decided on a requisitioning of crude leather, beginning January 1st.

It is estimated that in the last year Great Britain has advanced \$400,000,000 (\$2,000,000,000) to her allies.

The Canadian Government sent New Year's gift of clothing to prisoners in Ruhleben Camp, Germany.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Civilians' Drill Class Armours. 2. R.C.A. Band at Coverdale Rink. 3. Big Team Skating at the Palace Rink tonight. See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

MONDAY'S VOTING RESULTS.

For Mayor.

Richardson 1,553
McCann 1,237

For Aldermen.

Frontenac Ward Wright 416
Corbett 410
Smith 240
King 260

Rideau Ward Laturney 477
Nash 442

Victoria Ward Chowd 289
Graham 218

School Trustee.

Victoria Ward Macdonald 263
Macmillan 178

By-laws.