

GRAND DUKE'S ARMY HAS TAKEN ERZERUM!

BIG VICTORY OVER TURKS

In the Capture of Erzerum By Assault.

FIVE DAYS OF BATTLE

FURIOUS ATTACKS SEALED FATE OF 160,000 DEFENDERS.

Campaign Unparalleled—Muscovites Wade Through Snow Fifteen Feet Deep in Arctic Cold—Results Add to Fame of Nicholas as Strategist.

London, Feb. 17.—Led by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian army of the Caucasus has captured the great



GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS, Commander of the Russian armies that captured Erzerum after a remarkable campaign. Turkish fortress of Erzerum, in Eastern Asia Minor. The following statement was given out last night in Petrograd: "Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed to the Emperor as follows: 'God has granted to the brave troops of the army of the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken after five days of unprecedented assaults. I am inexpressibly happy to announce this victory to your Imperial Majesty.'"



GEN. VON DER GOLTZ, who was reported in command of the Turk forces at Erzerum.

the British forces operating in Mesopotamia, including the beleaguered garrison of Kut-el-Amara, is predicted.

May Threaten Constantinople. The fall of Erzerum is expected to open the way for a huge advance by the Russians through Eastern Asia

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menia in the spring. Constantly itself might be imperilled. By this contemplated drive the Russians, it is said, hope to bring Turkey to her knees. More than 180,000 Turkish troops were locked in Erzerum with the investment of the fortress, according to all dispatches. Two noted German leaders, Field Marshalls von der Goltz and Limon von Sauer, have recently been reported at Erzerum. It is not yet known whether they escaped.

The Russian campaign was unparalleled in military history. The advance was pressed across a bleak and rugged country, over mountains and through narrow defiles in Arctic cold. Russian official reports state that at places the soldiers fought their advance through snow fifteen feet deep. The Grand Duke's message was received shortly after a report from his headquarters that nine of the defending forts of Erzerum had been taken by the bayonet. The Russian soldiers swept up the mountain sides and descended through gaps made by the heavy guns.

Grand Duke a Strategist. Grand Duke Nicholas took command on the Russian southern front less than five months ago. Immediately the Russian forces, which had been inactive, began to develop the offensive which has resulted in the fall of Erzerum.

The Grand Duke is considered by military experts to be one of the greatest strategists developed by the war. From the outbreak of hostilities until early in September last he was commander-in-chief of the Russian armies. He directed the retreat of the harassed Russians during the Austro-German offensive last summer, twice saving his armies from what threatened to be fatal traps.

First he succeeded in defeating the German campaign to encircle and cut off the bulk of the Russian forces near Warsaw. The city was lost, but the troops were successfully withdrawn. Again at Breslau, leading his men out of the snare.

Early in September Grand Duke Nicholas was removed from command by his imperial cousin, Czar Nicholas, and appointed viceroy of the Caucasus and commander of the troops in that district. Erzerum, a city of 40,000, is about sixty miles west of the Russian frontier. It is surrounded by a stone wall built by the Turks three centuries ago. On the eastern side a high mountain ridge outside the wall protects the city from attack from the Russian Caucasus. Along this ridge were located most of the stronger forts.

The city has belonged to the Turks for four centuries.

Big Captures By Russians. London, Feb. 17.—Between 20,000 and 100,000 Turkish troops and large numbers of guns were captured by the Grand Duke's forces when they entered the Turkish fortress of Erzerum, according to unofficial reports received from Petrograd this afternoon.

The War Office had received no additional despatches from the Russian commander and was unable to verify these reports. It was estimated that about 100,000 Turks comprised the garrison of the captured fortress and that more than 1,000 guns were mounted on various forts.

There is nothing to indicate, however, how many of the Turks succeeded in making their escape. The fact that the city fell within five days after the Russians began storming the forts makes it appear possible that the captures both in men and guns were large.

The terms of a bill for the formation of a joint Essex Utilities Commission to control the sewer, water and light systems in the municipalities of Windsor, Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway were approved by representatives of those places.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia thanked the Russian forces for their capture of Erzerum. Since the beginning of the war the average advance of British food prices was 47 per cent.

THE CANADIANS REPELLED THE GERMANS AT YPRES

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Officially Canadian troops have been in action at Ypres. Word to that effect has just been received by the Militia Department here. According to the report, the Canadian troops repelled with great success that part of the German offensive which was directed against their trenches, leaving piles of German dead on "No-man's land" in front. The casualties among the Canadians, it is stated, were small and comparatively insignificant. Report states that the German attack was preceded by a heavy artillery bombardment, which caused the Canadian troops temporarily to retire from their first to their second-line trenches. When the enemy did charge, however, the Canadian troops were thoroughly organized and met the advancing masses with withering and sustained volleys of rifle and machine gun fire. The effect of this fire was deadly in the extreme. "There are many Germans in our trenches," the report says, "whole platoons of them in fact, but they are all dead Germans. Our losses



SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF CLUB FIRE IN TORONTO. From left to right:—PETER S. HAIRSTON, the well-known mining broker, who met his death in the fire which gutted the American Club. He was 53 years of age. He participated in the mining rush ten years he carried on business as a broker in Toronto. He and his wife, formerly Mrs. Turner, have resided for the past two years at Oakville. CAPTAIN A. H. MINARD, paymaster of the American Legion Overseas Battalion, who was injured in the fire. W. C. ZOELLNER, down a rope.

MUST RULE THE AIR

If Britain Is To Be Supreme Over Germany.

AERONAUTIC EXPERTS

SOUND A WARNING TO THE PRESENT DANGER.

Britain Must Build Mighty Battle Fleets For the Air If She Is To Continue To Enjoy Isolation From Europe.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 17.—A warning that German supremacy in the air may within the near future render England's supremacy on the seas of no avail in repelling disaster, was sounded by several aeronautic experts today in comments on yesterday's Zepplin debate in the House of Commons. They say unless England awakes to the danger and begins building mighty battle-fleets she can no longer enjoy isolation from Europe because of the superiority of the dreadnoughts and battle cruisers. "We must be as strong in the air as we are upon the water," says the Times. "There is little use in keeping the enemy out by water if ever he can strike at us effectively from the air."

KINGSTON BATTERIES ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

SS. Metagama Reached England Safely With Canadian Troops.

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Official announcement was made today of the safe arrival in England of the troopship Metagama which sailed on February 5th with 79 officers and 1,593 men, including the 8th and 9th artillery brigades, fourteen naval flight lieutenants and Army Service Corps detachments.

On the Metagama were the 32nd, 33rd, 45th and 46th (Queen's) Batteries and the Ammunition Column from Kingston.

NEEDS ELUCIDATION

So Said Shaughnessy Regarding New Taxation.

(Special to the Whig.) Montreal, Feb. 17.—Lord Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, thinks some features of the new taxation require elucidation, and should be amended before becoming law. Lord Shaughnessy said: "The war has, as we all know, added, and will for some time continue to add, important financial burdens to those that the country has been already carrying and the minister of Finance is compelled to resort to drastic methods of taxation for the purpose of meeting the situation. 'The measure now before the House would appear to be about the most feasible means of providing the additional revenue required but it strikes me that it has some features requiring elucidation and that Sir Thomas would be inclined to amend before the bill becomes law. It may be pointed out that, if the amount paid up on its capital stock, some of our Canadian companies, although making large profits just now, will have oceans of water between their net revenue and the proposed tax, while others, like the Canadian Pacific, for instance, have outstanding capital stock less in amount than the money actually paid for it, without reference to appropriations from revenue for capital expenditures. 'Every good citizen and reasonable man will loyally stand back of the Finance Minister in the adoption of the plan of taxation that may finally be considered best in the circumstances, but if return the people of the country will demand, probably more emphatically than ever heretofore, that expenditures in connection with war shall be without wastefulness or extravagance and that the Minister of Finance, with his colleagues, shall see that the country's money is neither pilfered nor squandered.'"

LET BERLIN SAY SO

This Is the Request of U. S. Secretary Lansing.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 17.—The German ambassador discussed with Secretary Lansing the advisability of postponing the effective date of the new submarine policy. The German ambassador said Germany did not plan to sink liners in the new policy. Secretary Lansing asked for such a statement from Berlin. "Neither wanton rowdiness nor ruffianly misconduct is discipline, nor does either become a soldier. Such actions find no place in the Canadian services. 'The donning of a soldier's uniform does not exempt any man from his bounden duties and responsibility as a reputable citizen. On the contrary, being in uniform should be, and in properly constituted corps is, guarantee of manly behavior. 'History records that the ruffian rarely proves himself the bravest in the presence of the enemy. It is the self-controlled man who proves himself a true soldier. 'There must be no yielding to frenzy on either hand. This war requires cool heads, firm minds and controlled actions, backed up with the best armament. 'It is understood that the young man who is referred to by Sir Sam Hughes as denouncing Germans in Berlin is Lieut. Stanley N. Dancy, who was for a time a Toronto reporter after returning from Belgium and lecturing before the Empire and other clubs here. 'Severe storms in Holland caused big floods and much damage has been done.

ELIHU ROOT TURNED DOWN

New York, Feb. 17.—Elihu Root was yesterday afternoon denied the endorsement of New York State Republicans for the Presidential nomination, in the report of the resolutions committee to the State convention.

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EFFICIENT AIR SERVICES

Should Have Been Adopted Years Ago, Said Balfour.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 17.—Hon. A. J. Balfour created a sensation in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by saying he was sorry Britain did not adopt a policy of the construction of efficient air services for defence years ago.

HUNS SUB SUNK

(Special to the Whig.) New York, Feb. 17.—A report despatched from Paris says three Teutonic submarines were sunk in the Adriatic by French cruisers.

Holland Towns in Danger

(Special to the Whig.) The Hague, Feb. 17.—A violent storm against Holland's coast. Several breaks have occurred and many towns in the vicinity of Amsterdam are threatened.

MUST NOT GO TOO FAR

Minister of Militia Warns Canada's Aliens.

SPEAKS IN COMMONS

ABOUT THE DISTURBANCES IN BERLIN, ONT.

He Also Warns the Troops Against Riots—Alien Enemies Have Been Very Leniently Treated.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—General Sir Sam Hughes read the Riot Act to obstreperous alien enemies in the House yesterday afternoon. "It will be observed," he declared, "that alien enemies have been treated by the Canadian Government in the most tolerant and lenient way. But intemperance and conduct that even indirectly encourage sedition, treason or disloyalty will not be tolerated. The statement was made in connection with the reading by the Minister of a memo, conveyed to him orally by the officer commanding at Berlin in connection with the riots there Tuesday night. The memo said: "For some time feelings of loyal and law-abiding citizens of both British and German extraction in Berlin and Waterloo and adjoining localities have been more or less exasperated by the language and action of a Lutheran clergyman, an American citizen named Tappert, and by a German-born Canadian subject named Asmus, who, whether with good or bad intent, have been semi-apologists for German spies and Kaiserism. It was asserted that one of these men has recently stated that the conduct of the British in the war has been about as bad as the conduct of the Germans. It has not been specifically charged that these utterances have been made with disloyal intent, but merely as seeking not to justify German brutality as much as to condone it. These utterances, coupled with the general feeling of mind throughout the country over the war, gradually wrought up a number of people to a high pitch of feeling."

200 BULGARS TAKEN

Hellenic Government Expresses Indignation At Seizure.

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EXPLOSION OF MINES

Caused Loss of a Trench To the Germans.

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BODY OF STUDENT FOUND IN WOODS

He Was Studying Alone in a Hut Near Buckingham, Que.

Buckingham, Que., Feb. 17.—Detective J. J. Cummings brought into town yesterday afternoon the body of Dowler Freeman, a young theological student who has been for the past three or four weeks in the neighborhood of Glen Almond. Young Freeman led his classmates at college, and overwork is supposed to have deranged him mentally, and he left the university and vanished. He was finally located in the woods back of Glen Almond, and in spite of the entreaties of his family refused to go home, choosing rather to pursue his studies uninterrupted in the little hut hidden away in the woods. It was discovered that the hut had caught fire, and it is supposed he rushed out of the burning building, and owing to the bitterly cold weather soon succumbed. Freeman was twenty-four years of age, and his parents are well-to-do farmers near Ottawa.

WAR BULLETINS

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MR. EATON LIKELY TO STAY

Names Conditions From Pulpit—Must Preach His Beliefs. New York, Feb. 17.—Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton told a large congregation in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church Sunday morning that he would remain as pastor if certain conditions were met. A week ago he announced that he had resigned and would leave the church to take up other work on Feb. 28th.

The conditions in brief are that Dr. Eaton shall be relieved of the routine work of looking after his parish, and be permitted to preach from the pulpit such beliefs as he holds concerning the Christian religion; and the destiny of America in the present world crisis. "I shall not," he said passionately, "consent for a moment to be bound down by the grave clothes which have been wrapped about our church and other churches. I would rather be dead."

DEAD AFRICAN KING

Ruler of Barotseland Was Guest At Kings Coronation.

London, Feb. 17.—From Livingstone, Rhodesia, the death is announced of Lewanika, King of Barotseland, a powerful native ruler, friendly to the British. Barotseland is in the north-west of Rhodesia. Lewanika had reigned since 1885. He was 22nd in a line of rulers. During the early years of his reign he was engaged continuously in native wars. In 1890 he concluded a treaty with the British South Africa Company, acknowledging its supremacy. Lewanika was one of the most interesting guests at the coronation of King Edward, who received him at Buckingham Palace.

MUST GIVE WARNING

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Feb. 17.—The United States will demand that the German submarines warn of armed vessels before attacking them, before accepting a settlement in the Lusitania case.

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PETROGRAD VERY JOYOUS

A Great Demonstration in the Russian Capital.

OVER ERZERUM'S FALL

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS AGAIN A NATIONAL HERO.

The Russian Victory has stirred the People to Great Depths of Patriotism—A Prelude to Great Triumphs By the Czar's Armies.

(Special to the Whig.) Petrograd, Feb. 17.—The greatest demonstration since the capture of Przemysl occurred in Petrograd today, following the confirmation of reports of the capture of Erzerum. Great crowds marched through the streets waving the Russian colors and chanting hymns. Thousands attended the Te Deum in the great Kazan Cathedral while other thousands, standing outside in the snow, offered up prayers for Grand Duke Nicholas against the national hero, the conqueror of Erzerum, the first important Russian victory since the retreat from the Carpathians began nearly a year ago, has stirred the Russian people to great depths of patriotism. The newspapers to-day declared the Grand Duke's triumph only the prelude to great victories that will carry the Czar's armies sweeping back through Poland and Galicia before the summer. The capture of Erzerum means the collapse of all the Turkish plans of conquest in Persia military men here believe, and possibly will force the Turks to abandon their plans to invade Egypt. With a British army soon to be heavily reinforced, fighting only 110 miles from Bagdad, and the Grand Duke's forces moving westward through Armenia in a spring drive, it is not believed here that Esad Pasha will risk sending large forces to the Suez.

Gives Russia Key to Asia

(Special to the Whig.) Paris, Feb. 17.—The capture of Erzerum by the Russians is declared as the best item of news for the Allies in many months. The military experts dwell upon the importance of the capture, declaring that it gives Russia the key to Asia Minor, and is a victory which will inevitably have far-reaching consequences. Gen. Bernhart says it is not a deadly blow to Turkey, but an event which cannot fail to have its effect in other theatres of the war.

Causes Slump in German Mark

(Special to the Whig.) London, Feb. 17.—The capture of Erzerum by the Russians has caused a record-breaking slump in the price of the German mark, according to despatches from Amsterdam today.

Ex-Mayor Frederick Harrison, Saskatoon, has been appointed fair wage officer for the Labor Department in Western Canada.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

Band at Palace Bank to-night. Band at the Covered Walk to-night. See top of page 4 for band concert probabilities.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

Is on Sale at the Following City Stores: Blacknell's News Depot, 235 King St. Clarke, J. W. & Co., 353 Princess College Book Store, 143 Princess Coulter's Grocery, 100 Market Square Cullen's Grocery, Cor. Princess & Alfred Frontenac Hotel, 100 Ontario St. Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square C.V.P. South's Grocery, Portsmouth McAlley's Book Store, 83 Princess McNeill's Cigar Store, 250 King McLeod's Grocery, 51 Union St. W. Morley's Drug Store, 250 Victoria Paul's Cigar Store, 76 Princess Proulx's Drug Store, 512 Princess Wallace's Grocery, 308 Montreal

DIED

ASHLEY—In Kingston, on Feb. 17th, 1916, Walter Ashley, aged 60 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ashley, 24 York street. The family residence, 24 York street to St. Mary's Cathedral, Saturday morning seven o'clock, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of his soul. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the mass. RICHARDSON—In Kingston, on February 17th, 1916, Richard Richardson, 251 Victoria street, aged seventy-six years. Funeral notice later.

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FAMILIAR QUOTATIONS

CHOSEN BY FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DAY. We must pay the price of victory, if we mean to get it. —Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd-George. C. ARTHUR PEARSON.