

FLOODS ALONG YSER CANAL DESTROY GERMAN REGIMENT

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Destruction of an entire regiment of German troops in Belgium is announced in an official statement issued here this afternoon. A German regiment numbered 200 men.

The statement also announced that more floods have been caused along the Yser Canal. This is attributed to the cutting of dykes. Because of the spread of the waters the chief fighting is now confined to an artillery contest.

The official communique follows: "Along the Yser Canal from Nieupoort as far as the approaches of Dixmude there was yesterday nothing but a simple campaign. Inundations have happened all along the territory south of Dixmude, and the terrain is actually submerged for five kilometers (three miles) to the north of Bixchoote.

"The forces of the enemy which tried to cross the canal between the region of Dixmude and the region of Bixchoote time after time were repulsed beyond the bridges. One entire German regiment was destroyed at the south of Bixchoote.

"To the southeast of Ypres two other attacks by the Germans were repulsed. We have taken the offensive and, in our turn, have recaptured some points of support which had been taken by the enemy.

"For the last few days, between the Yser and Dixmude, there have been only some minor operations by small units, and we have made slight progress in our works of approach.

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FATE OF AUDACIOUS IN DOUBT; MAY SAVE BIG DREADNOUGHT

Cablegram Indicates British Warship Reported Sunk by German Mine is Undergoing Repairs.

"Best information regarding." These three words came in a cablegram from London today in reply to an inquiry as to the extent of the disaster to the British super-dreadnaught Audacious, reported sunk by a German mine or torpedo on the northwestern coast of Ireland. The inquiry was carefully worded to pass the British censors, and the reply apparently places doubt upon the reports that the Audacious had sunk in deep water.

Whether the British superdreadnaught Audacious is now at the bottom of the sea or is being repaired by the British Admiralty and may again see service is now apparently the only mystery connected with reports of the vessel of the first line of England's naval defense falling victim to a German mine or torpedo on the northwestern coast of Ireland.

James H. Beemey, bandmaster on the liner Olympic, which rescued the crew of the Audacious, told the full story of the disaster to the Audacious upon arriving here on the American liner New York. He said the Audacious was blown up by the British cruiser Liverpool, that her wreck might not interfere with traffic.

A cable received from London today, however, indicates that this may be a mistaken version of the disaster to the dreadnaught.

Owing to the fact that the British censors will permit no reference to the disaster of the Audacious to be cabled or printed in London papers, it was only through the most carefully worded inquiry from New York that a reply was obtained. The cable received here merely said:

"Best information regarding." The message also indicated there had been but one fatality.

"The story of the bandmaster Beemey was learned only after it has been impressed upon him that the main facts of the accident to the Audacious were known in this country. He had been pledged to secrecy, as had all members of the Olympic's crew.

BRITISH AVIATOR KILLS FIFTEEN WITH BOMBS. Report of Raid Over Courtrai—Belgians Retch Flushing.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16.—A newspaper in Brussels reports that an English aviator Saturday dropped a bomb on Courtrai, resulting in the death of 15 soldiers and citizens.

All traffic on the River Scheldt is now confined to the hours of daylight, owing to the danger from mines which have been placed in it by the Germans.

A number of passengers arrived at Flushing from Antwerp yesterday, despite the official order issued by the German military authorities prohibiting residents of Belgium to leave.

ATTACK ON BULGARIANS. Greeks Reported in Hostile Raid on Frontier.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16.—The correspondent of the Tageblatt at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, says in a dispatch that Greek sentries on the frontier of Bulgaria last week attacked a party of Bulgarian peasants.

The Bulgarians put up a defense, but four Bulgarians were killed and nine wounded.

It is said that this evidence of Greece's hostility has caused considerable uneasiness in Sofia.

ANTHONY J. DREXEL OBEYS AS CORPORAL GIVES ORDERS. Works as Stretcher-Bearer in British Ambulance Corps.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Anthony J. Drexel, entertainer of European Dukes and Princes, is serving with a British ambulance as a stretcher-bearer under the rigid orders of a cockney corporal.

GERMAN CASUALTY LIST NOW PAST HALF MILLION

Many Officers Among British Reported Lost. COPENHAGEN, Nov. 16.—The 75th list of Prussian casualties contains 10,500 names. The last actions referred to in it were those fought in Northern France between October 2 and 14.

The German lists published up to this time have contained 535,000 names, but these figures do not include the losses sustained during the retreat in Poland or those which followed last month's hard fighting in France.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The Official Press Bureau last night made public three casualty lists of officers received from headquarters under dates of November 4, 6 and 7. These lists give 38 officers killed, 108 wounded and 47 missing. The names of some of the more prominent contained in the lists have already been published.

Among those killed whose names have not previously been made public are Lieut. Col. C. A. C. King, of the Yorkshire Regiment; Capt. the Hon. Douglas Arthur Kinnaird, Master of Kinnaird, of the Scots Guards, eldest son of Lord Kinnaird, former Lord High Commissioner to the Church of Scotland; and the Major the Hon. Hugh Downay, of the Second Life Guards, second son of Viscount Downay.

In the list of the wounded appear the names of Capt. the Hon. Richard George Morgan-Grenville, Master of Kinloss, of the First Rifle Brigade, who is the son and heir of Baroness Kinloss; Lieut. the Hon. William Fraser, of the Gordon Highlanders, son of Lord Saltoun; Lieut. Col. A. G. H. Smith, of the Scots Fusiliers, and Brig. Gen. H. G. Ruggles-Brise.

AUSTRO-GERMAN FRICTION FABRICATION SAYS VIENNA. Merely Petrograd's Way of Explaining Dankl's Strategic Move.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16.—The reports that dissension has arisen between the German and Austrian commanders in the eastern theatre of war is denied officially in a statement given out by the official Correspondents Bureau in Vienna.

The rumor originally emanated from Petrograd, where it was said to explain the fact that the Austrian forces under General Dankl are retreating to the south toward the Carpathians instead of going toward Craiova.

AUSTRIANS TAKE MANY GUNS IN STORMING SERB POSTS. 3000 Prisoners Also Captured in Two Victories.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 16.—The newspaper Ujias, in Budapest, has announced that the Austrians stormed and captured Obrenovac, in Servia, on November 12, taking 600 prisoners and a number of guns and quantities of ammunition.

It is announced that the Austrians captured 2000 prisoners, 3 siege guns and 12 machine guns in their victory over the Servians at Krupanj on November 9.

FRENCH AND GERMAN WIRELESS SWAP TAUNTS "Plunging Into Abyss," Says Eiffel to Nausen Tower.

PARIS, Nov. 16.—Europe's two principal wireless stations, the Eiffel Tower at Paris and the Nausen Tower, between Berlin and Hamburg, have been exchanging conversations.

The Nausen operator discovering that the Eiffel was able to pick up his war messages ticked an indictment of Eiffel's news as flimsy and unreliable, to which the Eiffel rushed a long rhyming retort.

These reports were taken here to indicate that the Germans have established submarine stations in that vicinity.

SUBMARINES OFF NORWAY. London Believes Germans Have Established Stations on That Coast.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Reports received here today from Bergen declare that submarines have been sighted off the northwest coast of Norway. An aeroplane is also declared to have been seen south of Bergen.

RUSSIANS BEATEN BY TURKISH ARMY, OFFICIALS ADMIT

Petrograd Announces Failure of Armenian Invasion, Reporting Sultan's Troops Heavily Reinforced.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.—The Russian troops that invaded Turkish Armenia have been compelled to retire. This is admitted in an official dispatch from the Governor General of Transcaucasia. In his message, sent from Tiflis, he states that the Turkish troops have been heavily reinforced.

The advance guards of the Russians retire the Turks are pressing the pursuit. The official dispatch follows: "After a series of engagements in the region of Koprikoi our advance guards came into contact with the principal forces of the enemy. As a result of heavy reinforcements, received by the Turks from Chyanakala, Erzerum and Trebizond, our advance guards are retiring, still fighting as they withdraw to the positions designated by their commander.

"The attempts made by the Turks to regain Khanesouk pass after we captured it have been repulsed. The main Russian forces have not been seriously engaged yet."

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The correspondent at Constantinople of Reuter's Telegram Company, forwarding a dispatch by way of Berlin, says:

"Turkish troops have occupied Kotur, in the Persian Province of Azerbaijan, which until now has been in the hands of the Russians. Russian troops were defeated, and fled.

"British troops have landed near Fao, on the coast of the Province of Basra, in the Persian Gulf. While landing, the British were attacked and lost 60 men."

BRITISH ROUT TURKS FROM RED SEA POST. Indian Troops Aid in Capture of Turba Forts.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The capture and occupation of the Turkish stronghold at the entrance of the Red Sea was announced in a statement by the Admiralty last night. The statement says:

"Successful operations against the Turkish garrison at Sheik-Syed, at the entrance of the Red Sea, have been carried out by Indian troops assisted by the cruiser Duke of Edinburgh."

(Sheik-Syed is on the heights east of Bah-El-Mandeb Strait, near the boundary between Turkish territory and the British protectorate of Aden.)

"Three battalions of Indian troops were landed. The Duke of Edinburgh had previously shelled the Turba fort and a short fight the Indians occupied the hills commanding Manhel.

"Two hundred of the Turkish garrison were killed. The rest were made prisoners. Six field guns and a large amount of ammunition were also captured. The field guns were disabled prior to their capture by the bombardment from the cruiser."

"The casualties on the British side were four killed and one officer and 15 men wounded, all members of the landing party."

Lecture on Town Planning. The science of town planning and its origin will be the subject of a lecture to be delivered by William Cunningham, D. D. LL. D., Fellow of the British Architects, at the Drexel Institute tonight at 8 o'clock.

AUSTRIAN WAR LOAN. GENEVA, Nov. 16.—Advices from Vienna state that the new Austrian war loan will take the form of treasury bills bearing interest at the rate of 5 1/2 per cent.

GERMANS CHARGE RUSSIANS WITH PILLAGING MUSEUM

Lemberg Treasures Reported Taken to Petrograd. NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The German Press Bureau in New York gave out the following yesterday:

"The Kreuzzeitung of Berlin prints the following concerning the National Museum of Lemberg: "According to reports in Polish newspapers, the Russians have taken from the National Museum at Lemberg 1001 oil paintings, 25,000 copper-plate engravings, 17,000 coins, 4000 medals, 142,000 books, 2000 autographs, 5000 holographs and 1700 documents.

"These, together with Polish relics, have been transported to Petrograd, according to the information received by the Kreuzzeitung."

SERBS RETREAT TO SECOND DEFENSE LINE AT VALJEVO. Austrian Cities Subscribe Heavily to War Loan.

VIENNA, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal Potiorek, commander of the Austrian troops operating in the Serbian first line of defense west of Valjevo has been successfully stormed by his troops and that the Serbians have retreated to their second line.

Subscriptions to the war loan opened today. Before the official opening of the lists, however, \$3,420,000 had already been subscribed. The municipal government of Vienna alone took \$6,250,000.

Virtually all cities in Austria and Hungary have pledged their capital to the loan.

TURKS SINK BRITISH SHIPS, SAYS REPORT. French Warships Bombard Towns Near Smyrna.

ATHENS, Nov. 16.—A dispatch from Mytilene says that advices received from Turkish sources report that several British vessels have been sunk at Sarab, in the Persian Gulf, by Turkish river boats.

French warships bombarded Forcia Nova (Phokia), northwest of Smyrna on Sunday. Both towns were set on fire according to information received at the Turkish legation, whose officials declare neither Devebourous nor Foggia Nova was fortified.

CZAR GRIPS SOLDAU, PIVOTAL STRATEGIC EAST PRUSSIAN POINT

Aggressive Advance Forces German Retreat North of Mazur Lake—Austrians Pushed Back to Carpathians.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 16.—Official announcement was made today that the Russians had recaptured Soldau, East Prussia, and that the German troops were in full retreat from the East Prussian town of Soldau in the northern end of the Masurian lake region.

This is the third time that Soldau has been taken by the Russians. On the two previous occasions it was retaken by German reinforcements sent from Thorn, but the belief was expressed at the War Office today that the town would now remain in the possession of the Russians because of the strength of the forces that had invaded East Prussia from the Masurian region.

The retreat of the Germans at Angerburg is declared by the war office to have been forced by the rapid advance of the Russian troops southwest of the Masurian Lake region. Despite the bad roads from Masuria the Russians have transported heavy artillery and large bodies of infantry across the East Prussian frontier, and the infantry is moving forward rapidly behind a great screen of cavalry.

The skirmishes that marked the Russian advance into southwest Poland last week have now developed into a general battle, according to the latest news from that section of the front. The Germans between Craiova and Czeretachow have been reinforced heavily, and are offering a stubborn resistance, but it is stated that the Russian advance continues steadily though slowly.

The Austro-German forces east of Craiova and south of the Vistula are also resisting obstinately the Russian troops that have passed Tarnow. The campaign of the Czar's troops in this region of Galicia may be delayed for a short time until heavy artillery can be brought up, but the opinion was confidently expressed at the War Office today that the fall of Craiova was only a matter of a few days.

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ONE SHIP REALLY ESCAPES CLUTCHES OF KARLSRUHE. British Steamship Saw German Raider and Yet Lives. NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Captain Estill, of the British steamship Royal Scapire, which arrived from Santos, Brazil, told how his ship, with a cargo of coffee in transit for Toronto, escaped capture by the German cruiser Karlsruher near the equator because her destination was New York.

Two Russian armies are operating in Galicia. One is operating Craiova, having captured Tarnow, 65 miles to the east, and having reached the River Dunajec. It is reported that cavalry has crossed the Dunajec and is riding considerably west of that city. This army is co-operating with the 5th Russian army, advancing from Craiova from the southwest. The two armies are rapidly converging, with their lines of communication within 60 to 75 miles of each other. There is a rumor current in Craiova that it has fallen to the Russians, and it is believed here that the report is untrue.