

TURKISH CAMPAIGN COLLAPSES AS BROKEN FORCES FLEE BEFORE RUSSIAN ONSLAUGHT

GERMANS FACE ISOLATION; PLAN POLISH RETREAT

Ready to Abandon Difficult Position Along Bzura and Pilica Rivers, Is Report in Warsaw.

Turning Movement Feared by Von Hindenburg as Sequel to Russian Sweep to Carpathians.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH

In Belgium the enemy made two attacks without success in the region of the dunes and to the southeast of St. Georges. On the rest of the front from the north of the Lys and from the Lys to the Oise there has been only a steady combat. In the valley of the Aisne and in the region of Rheims our batteries have gained the advantage over those of the enemy, which have been reduced to silence. Besides this our troops have advanced 100 yards northwest of Rheims.

In the Argonne there has been a very violent fight, which permitted us to take 300 yards of trenches, in the woods of La Grive, at a point where a slight retreat had previously been announced.

From Bagatelle and from Fontain Madame the Germans opened two violent attacks, each with an effective strength of one regiment. They have been repulsed. Near the ravine of Courte Chausse we have blown up with a mine 800 yards of German trenches of which we have occupied 100.

From the Argonne to the Vosges the bad weather-fog and sleet-continues. There have been at different points on the front only very sharp artillery duels.

In the forest of Le Pretre, near Pont-a-Mousson, we continue to gain ground.

In the region of Thann, despite a violent cannonade, we have maintained our gains of the day before, as much at Steinbach as in the trenches to the southwest and to the northwest of that village.

The enemy succeeded in reoccupying one of his old trenches on the eastern slope of hill No. 425, of which the summit remains in our possession.

In the Argonne, near the ravine of Courte Chausse, where we blew up the German trenches, the Italian regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Ghibaldi made a vigorous attack through the breach opened by the explosion.

We took 120 prisoners, of whom a dozen were sub-officers, and captured nine machine guns and gun carriages. Adjutant Constantino Ghibaldi, a brother of the lieutenant colonel was killed in the course of the attack.

GERMAN

In the western theatre the French continued yesterday a systematic bombardment of the villages behind our front. The French seemed indifferent to killing their own countrymen and destroying their homes. The bombardment troubles us very little.

At Souain, in the Argonne forest, we captured several trenches, taking two officers and 200 men.

The French again obtained a foothold early yesterday upon the much fought-for heights west of (Cernay) Senheim. The French were driven off, however, after a strong bayonet attack. They did not dare to make a fresh advance. We took 50 mountain chassateurs.

There is no change in the eastern theatre, on the eastern frontier or northern Poland.

Our troops west of the Vistula penetrated as far as Sucha (probably Suliszew) southeast of Skierkowiec, capturing several of the enemy's points of support. We took 1400 prisoners and nine machine guns.

The situation on the east bank of the Pilica is unchanged.

RUSSIAN

Our troops won a complete victory over the Turks at Sari Kamysh. We have beaten two Turkish army corps and more, the entire 9th Turkish Army Corps, including the commander and three division commanders, prisoners.

Small bodies of Turkish troops which succeeded in escaping were rigorously pursued and destroyed.

We continue the pursuit of the other parts of the Turkish forces, which are in full retreat.

On the left bank of the Vistula, on January 4, rifle and artillery fire continued. Around about and south of Borkimow there have been separate engagements.

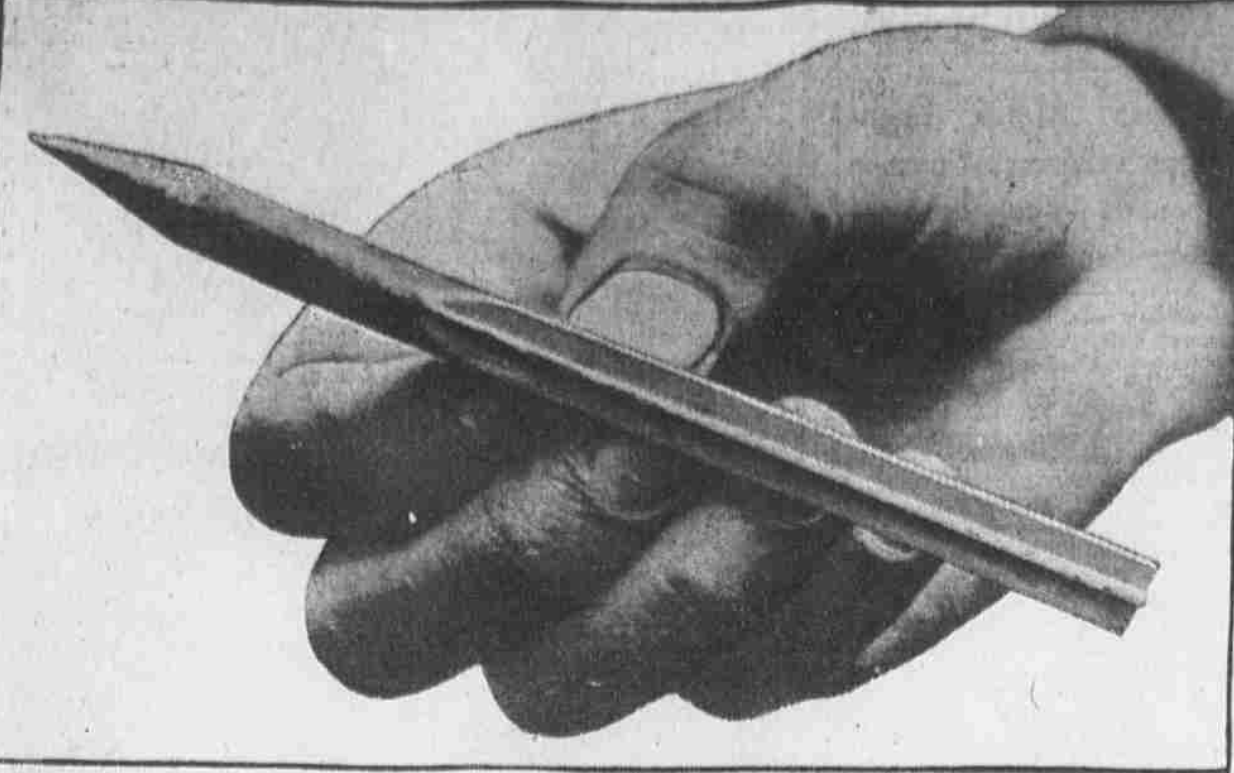
In Galicia, no essential modifications are to be noted. At Uszk Pass the Austrians, in retreat, were attacked by our cavalry, which fell upon them, flank and rear, after having made their way by mountain paths obstructed by snow—this notwithstanding a violent snow storm. In this attack we captured about 150 officers and more than 400 soldiers.

AUSTRIAN

The enemy's attempts to break through northwest of Gorlice again failed at the cost of heavy Russian losses. The height south of Gorlice, which was fiercely contested, was taken and an unusually large hostile battery was destroyed.

A field officer, four subalterns and 80 troops were captured, as well as two machine guns. A hostile aeroplane also was shot down.

AIRMAN'S STEEL DART THAT PIERCES A MAN FROM HEAD TO FOOT



The flechette has added a new terror to modern warfare. It is the boast of French aviators that when thrown from a height of 3000 feet it will strike clean through a man from his helmet to his feet. It is somewhat larger than a pencil. It is flanged so that no matter how hurled its point will always strike first. German flyers have now adopted it, and some airmen are said to bear the inscription: "Invented in France and made in Germany."

RUSSIANS REND TURK FORCES IN CAUCASIA; 50,000 ARE CAPTURED

Invasion Collapses as Army Is Cut to Pieces—Soldiers in Rout Flee Through Mountains.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6. Broken remnants of the Turkish army that invaded Trans-Caucasia are being pursued today by the Russian forces. The defeat of the Ottoman forces was a rout. The Russians are reported to have taken 50,000 prisoners, besides vast quantities of war munitions and many guns.

The Ninth Turkish Corps was annihilated. It was officially announced today, and the 10th Corps was so badly shattered that it was unable to offer any organized resistance.

Grand Duke Nicholas has notified the War Office that the Russian victory was complete and paid a tribute to the valor of the Russian troops.

The country through which the fleeing Turks are trying to escape will impede their movements and it is said that they will lose thousands of men in the chasms and deep streams that run through the mountains.

The report of operations from Grand Duke Nicholas was: "The defeat we inflicted upon the Turkish army at Sari-Kamysh is complete. The 9th Turkish army corps was annihilated. We captured the commander of the corps, Iskani Pasha; the commanders of the 17th, 25th and 29th Divisions and two of their lieutenants, with all their staff, more than 100 officers and a large number of men.

"The losses of the Turks in killed and wounded are enormous. We took many guns, large numbers of ammunition and supply columns.

"The honor of capturing the commander of the Turkish army corps fell to a single company of one of our regiments.

"Our victorious troops are pursuing the remnants of the 9th Corps, which are trying to escape, and are inflicting heavy losses upon the routed enemy, as well as taking numerous prisoners.

"In the capture of Ardagan, one of our Siberian regiments captured the enemy and sabred two companies of Turkish infantry. A squadron from the same regiment captured the 8th Corps. The Turks are falling back in all directions."

The Russian commander-in-chief added to his report a statement that on the

other front there was no change in the situation.

Heavy fighting had been reported for some days. The valley is narrow here, widening out as the road approaches near Kara.

The other two invading Turkish columns are not directly affected by the surrender of Sari-Kamysh, but it may compel at least one if not both of them to abandon its offensive, and it removes the menace to Kara, which is perhaps the most important strategic position in the whole region.

In the last Russo-Turkish war the gallant Ottoman defense of Kara practically held up the whole Russian advance on that side.

A Petrograd telegram to the Daily News says: "Fuller accounts from Tiflis indicate that the Turkish expedition to Ardagan has been quite obliterated. It advanced to where the Russian artillery was in position, and was surrounded from behind the hills before the shelling commenced."

"Several thousands were captured, and four senior German officers are among the prisoners."

TURK PERIL ENDED. The danger point for the Russians in the Caucasus was made good at the outset, and the Turks never succeeded in accomplishing anything in that region. But by putting in the field a three-to-one superiority over the Russian forces and occupying the Caucasus heights, the Turks succeeded in penetrating a few miles into Russian territory.

It was not a movement that threatened anything of vital importance, or even of serious value to Russia, and the probability of invading armies such as Turkey was able to put into the field ever reaching the plains across the Caucasus Mountains in sufficient force to be dangerous was always extremely remote.

Fighting in the heavy snow at altitudes of 8000 and 10,000 feet in the depth of winter is a terrible undertaking for the attacking side, and it is evident that the Turkish forces during the last few weeks suffered great hardships in their attempt to keep a footing on Russian territory.

The Turks have lost enormously in killed, wounded and prisoners, and have lost many mountain guns.

ARDAGAN SAVED. A brilliant attack by the Russians upon Ardagan at dawn on Sunday, after a stubborn fight lasting the whole of the previous day, ended in the capture of the Turkish trenches and the subsequent total defeat of the Turkish forces in that region.

Ardagan is now being reoccupied by the Russians, but the bulk of the Russian forces are engaged in pursuing the

DOOM OF PRUSSIAN MILITARY RULE SEEN BY PASTOR WAGNER

Author of "The Simple Life" Declares Germany Will Be Democratized by Defeat in War.

PARIS, Jan. 6.

While insisting that, in his opinion, Germany as an Empire is doomed, as is the Hohenzollern regime, the Rev. Charles Wagner, author of "The Simple Life," believes that the war is a blessing in disguise. He believes that out of it there will come a return from the materialistic to the spiritualistic by all mankind.

An Alsatian by birth, Pastor Wagner is intensely pro-French, despite the fact that he has always been most cordially welcomed in Germany. Pastor Wagner today gave his views on the war. He said:

"The German people did not want this war any more than France wanted it. They were misled into thinking it necessary by the talk and writings of the Prussian Junkers. They were blinded by all this talk of divine right, a place in the sun, of enemies being on all sides, of shining armor, of Prussian supremacy, right of might and the sacred duty of Germany spreading her 'culture' over all the earth. The real German has been lulled to sleep by all these things, although his belief in them is purely superficial.

The awakening of the German people is at hand. Of necessity it will be painful, although wholesome. Very soon they will know the truth: that the Empire has led them away from their true destiny; that it has treated them badly. Their moral courage, which they have not used for some time, now will reassert itself, and the Empire will disappear as will the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and the Prussian military aristocracy, whose influence upon the Germanic race has been so baleful.

"I foresee for the German Empire just such a fate as the French Empire met in 1870. France today is a far better nation and her people are a greater people than would have been the case had Napoleon remained. Frenchmen work up

under the influence of the new democracy. History will now repeat itself to the entire world. France will prosper and the pursuit of the profit of right above might. She fights for the right each individual has to possess property and the pursuit of the profit of right above might. She fights for the right each individual has to possess property and the pursuit of the profit of right above might. She fights for the right each individual has to possess property and the pursuit of the profit of right above might.

TO EXCHANGE WAR CAPTIVES

Britain and Germany Agree Upon Transfer Terms.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The Official Information Bureau announced last night an agreement had been reached between England and Germany providing for the exchange of prisoners of war who were incapacitated for further service. The announcement is as follows:

"On December 10 the British Government proposed to the German Government, through the United States, that arrangements be made for the exchange of British and German officers and prisoners of war, who were physically incapacitated for further military service. The acceptance of this offer by the German Government was conveyed to the British Government on the 21st. Arrangements are being made to give effect to it."

JAMAICA FEARS GERMAN RAID

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FRENCH OFFENSIVE HALTED IN ALSACE

Continued from Page One officially announced here this afternoon. Along the Aisne and around Rheims the French artillery has silenced the German batteries. French troops have advanced 100 yards to the northwest of Rheims. In the Argonne the French have retaken 300 yards of trenches.

In the Argonne region the French have blown up 800 yards of German trenches and have occupied half of them. Near Pont-a-Mousson the French continue to gain ground.

KITCHENER SPEAKS TODAY IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Expected to Express Confidence in British Armies.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—The House of Lords will meet today while the House of Commons is still keeping holiday. Such a proceeding is believed to be without precedent in English parliamentary history, but even the greatest of the lower house welcome the innovation, because an assembly of the Lords affords an occasion for Earl Kitchener to deliver one of his rare speeches.

What the Secretary of State for War will say to the Lords this afternoon is, of course, the secret if not of the whole Cabinet at least of Lord Kitchener and Premier Asquith, the latter of whom is understood to have gone over the ground with his military colleagues.

In well informed circles it is understood that the speech will reflect the whole-hearted confidence with which the military situation is viewed by the British authorities. It is expected that stress will again be laid on the necessity of British co-operation upon the greatest possible scale in the Continental operations.

Lord Kitchener will not do more than indicate the tremendous military task before the Allies, sufficiently, nevertheless, to justify the call which the Government is making and will continue to make for the voluntary service of the country's citizens in the King's armies.

The response already made by the country will receive handsome acknowledgment.

BAVARIAN KING GIVES FUND FOR SOLDIERS' AID

On Seventieth Birthday Monarch Expresses Belief in German Victory.

MUNICH, Jan. 6.—King Ludwig of Bavaria celebrated his 70th birthday by giving \$500 for the relief of wives and children of his soldiers. He also issued a manifesto praising the Bavarian army, and declaring his belief that the enemies of Bavaria and the German Empire would be overwhelmingly defeated.

"I express an earnest desire that there be no fatalities on the occasion of my birthday," said King Ludwig. "I thank the entire Bavarian people, who, in this serious time, have so splendidly shown loyalty to the Fatherland and the royal house, for their gifts of money and goods. My confidence in the invincible overruling of the battle of the hearts of our people will be a source of consolation to all."

BIG GUNS TO DUTCH BORDER

Heavy German Artillery Taken From Ostend to Heyst.

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 6.—On New Year's Day four more 28-centimetre guns were removed by the Germans from Ostend to Heyst to defend the coast. The transfer of these guns is significant as indicating that no great attempt will be made to hold Ostend once the Allies begin the advance along the coast. The line the Germans intend to hold is evidently further east from the Dutch frontier.

Three hundred men have been observed during the last two days putting heavy guns into position. The cannons are easily visible from the frontier. It is stated that two streets of houses have been destroyed at Heyst to give a clear line of fire seaward.

PORTUGUESE WAR FUND

LISBON, Jan. 6.—The Portuguese Senate last night voted \$2,500,000 for the expenses of the campaign against the Germans in West Africa.

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