RUSSIANS DEFEAT REVIVED TURKS IN CAUCASUS BATTLE

Fierce Fighting Since Tuesday in Olti Region. Czar's Campaign Resumed on Persian Frontier.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 28.—The Russian army staff in the Caucasus admits in an official report telegraphed here today that the Turks have resumed the offen-sive both in Transcaucasia and in Persia. although it denies the Ottoman claims of

although it denies the Ottoman claims of a victory in the Otti region.

"In the Tachorokh territory, in the region of Sulfan Selim, the Turks have energetically attacked the Russian troops since Tuesday morning," says the report.

"They were repulsed, however. In the region of Oiti the Turks have continued the offensive which they have assumed in the last few days, moving forward in an attempt to flank the Russian column, but this movement has also been repuised with heavy loss to the enemy. (This distriction of the control of the control of the control of the column of the control of the control

rectly contradicts Turkish changes tory.)
"In the region of Aserbeidjan (Persia)
"In the region of Aserbeidjan (Persia) the enemy's activities have increased. Numerous tribal detachments there are supported by Turkish regulars. The Turks attempted an effensive in the region of Choi (70 miles northwest of Tabris), but were everywhere repulsed. In other dis-tricts there have been rifle duels."

RUSSIA DEMANDS DEATH FOR CAPTURED AVIATORS

Attacks on Unprotected Cities May Be Adjudged Murder.

Drastic treatment of German airmen who hurl bombs upon unfortified cities was proposed here today. It was suggested that Germans captured in attempted air raids upon unprotected places be treated as criminals and formally tried on murder charges, instead of receiving the treatment usually accorded prisoners of war.

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The proposal came from Petrograd. Russian officials, incensed over the latest German attempt to bombard Libau from a Zeppelin dirigible, have recommended that the crew of the Zeppelin be brought before a military court on the charge of attempted murder.

The Novoe Vremsa, a Petrograd newspaper, urged England and France to adopt the same method, declaring this was the only satisfactory means of fighting "German savagery."

BERLIN REPORTS FURTHER GAINS ON CRAONNE HEIGHTS

More Than a Mile of Field Works Taken From French.

BERLIN, Jan. 28. German troops in France celebrated Emperor William's birthday by making Emperor William's birthday by manner further gains on the heights of Craonne. An official report from the General Staff issued this afternoon reports the capture of 500 yards more of French trenches near Craonne. With the 1500 yards cap-tured Tuesday the Germans have now taken more than a mile of the French field works in that region.

Hard fighting has been in progress on the Craonne heights since Monday. The official German report says that from Monday to Wednesday 1500 deaft Frenchmen were found on the battlefield and that the Germans took 1100 prisoners.

GERMANS LOSE HEAVILY AS CRAONNE ATTACKS FAIL

Paris Reports Lost Ground Regained by French.

PARIS, Jan. 28.
The complete repulse of further Ger-man attacks in the neighborhood of Craonne and the recapture of lost posi-

ficial report today.

In the three days of fierce battling for possession of the heights near Craonne the Germans lost between 7000 and 10,000

in killed and wounded, according to of-ficial dispatches. The French total losses were not more than 800, it was stated. Equally disastrous were the German efforts to seize strong positions held by the English west of La Bassee. The Germans attacked at least a dozen times under murderous fire and lost from 2000 to 3000 in killed and wounded.

PILGRIMS TO HONOR "BOBS"

Shaft Will Be Erected in Honor of Late Field Marshal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The Pilgrims' Club plan to erect a shaft in this city in honor of the late Lord Roberts, and will co-operate with the Pilgrims of England for the erection of another shaft It is probable that either a bust or me-dallion will be placed in Trinity Church.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today Adolfo (Span.), Huelva, ore, L. Westeran, Jacksonville, passengers and s. Merchants and Miners' Transpor-

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Steamships to Arrive



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OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRENCH

January 27 was the date of the anniversary of the Emperor of Germany's birth. Our adversaries had announced that on that occasion a desperate effort would be made. It was made. It did not turn to their advantage. The day was a fortunate one for us on the entire extent of the front. All the German attacks were regulated. All the French attacks were successful.

In Belgium the positions of the en-my were bombarded and many of his

emy were bomburded and many of his trenches demolished.

To the south of the Lys the English artillery bombarded the roads and the points of concentration of the German troops. In the sectors of Arras, Albert, Roye, Noyon and Solssons there were internittent cannonades and rifls engagements. At several points the enemy's infantry attempted to leave the trenches to attack. These forces were immediately repulsed by a

forces were immediately repulsed by a sharp fire.

sharp fire.

In the region of Craonne the total losses auffered by the Germans on January 25 and January 25 certainly reached the effective of a brisade (about 600 men). The German prisoners have the impression that they have suffered a severe check. Our losses, in killed, wounded or miselus, for these two days, are in the neighborhood of 800 men, our counter attacks regulated for us all of the ground. tacks regained for us all of the ground Three attacks in the Argonne at

ntaine Madame—at 6 a. m., 16 a. and 1 p. m.—were completely rolled

Three German attacks in the forest Allly, southeast of St. Minel, re-suited in the same way. Some detach-ments of the snemy were repulsed at Parrey and at Bures.

Parrey and at Bures.

In the Vosges we have made appreciable progress to the north of Senones on the slopes of signal De La Mere Henri. Our gain was in the neighborhood of 400 yards. It was the same to the southwest of Senones and in the region of Ban De Sapt.

We have likewise made progress in Aleace. In the region of America-Alsace. In the region of Ammertz-viller and Burnhaupt-Le-Bas the ground gained has been held. Near Cernay an attack of a German bat-talion was repuised. Judging from the number of dead found on the ground on January 25.

found on the ground on January 25, 26 and 27 to the east of Ypres at La Bassee, at Craonne, in the Argonne, in the Woevre region and in the Voeges, the losses of the enemy in these three days seem to exceed 26, 900 men.

RUSSIAN "

On the right bank of the lower Vis-tula (in Northern Foland) there has recently been heavy artillery firing and conflicts between advance parties of troops. From the front along the river to the district around Skempe we have harried rear guards of sev-

we have harried rear guards of several German battalions.

Last night (January 25) and today saw no important change on the left bank of the Vistula. The Germans delivered repeated blows against our front in the vicinity of Borjimow, but were in every case driven back.

Attacks made by the enemy in the vicinity of the villages of Rabskebudy and Kamion also resulted in failure. In the course of January 25 our artillery bombarded with success the lines of the enemy and reduced to silence a German battery at the village of Atlanka, which is near Sochaesew.

In East Prussia fighting has con-tinued in the region of Malwischken and Lasdehnen In Galicia the fighting is on a more extended scale on all the front from Dukla Pass to Wyszkow.

Last evening the Russians had been driven back in the upper Ung valley from their positions on both sides of

GERMAN

In the western theatre of war the enemy's artillery bombarded Middle-kerke and Slype on the coast of Flanders yesterday.

We took on the heights of Craonne 500 yards of trenches adjoining those captured on Tuesday. The French at-tacks here were repulsed without dif-ficulty. The enemy suffered heavy losses. From Monday to Wednesday 1500 dead Frenchmen were found on the battlefield and we took 1100 prisoners, including those reported yester-

In the Vosges we repulsed several french attacks in the neighborhood of Senones and Ban-de-Sapl, with considerable loss to the enemy. We took one officer and 50 men. Our losses were small.

were small.

In upper Alsace, on the front of the line through lower Aspach and Heidwieller and the Wurzbacher forest, the French attacked our positions at Aspach, Ammertswelllers, Heidweller and in the Wurzbacher forest. The attacks were repulsed everywhere, with beavy losses to the enemy. The French retreated in disorder. Their losses were specially heavy south of Heidwelller and Ammertswelller. We took five machine guns. took five machine guns.

In the eastern theatre of war we re In the eastern theatre of war we re-pelled unimportant attacks north and east of Gumbinnen. A Russian divi-sion was repulsed near Bievun, north-east of Serpez. The situation is other-wise unchanged in Poland.

TURKISH

Our Caucasion troops have taken the offensive and advanced in the di-rection of Oiti. They have repulsed all counter-attacks of the Russiana, who are in full retreat in that dis-trict. We have taken considerable heaty.

The Russians in their retreat burned the village of Narman to prevent their stores there from falling into our hands.

AUSTRIAN AVIATOR DROPS SIX BOMBS ON CETTINJE

Three Women Killed, 10 Civilians Hurt, in Montenegrin Capital. CETTINJE, Jan. 28

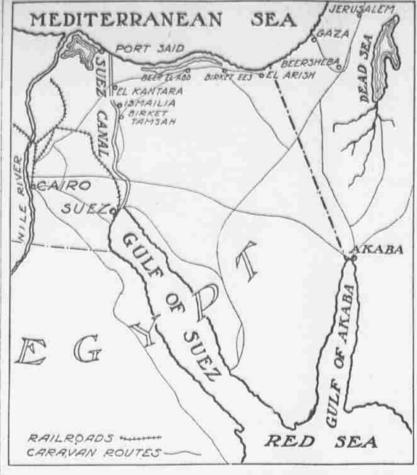
This city, the capital of Montenegro was bombarded by an Austrian aeroplane oday. The aviator dropped six bombs killing three women and injuring 10 other civiliana.

The aviator apparently planned to wreck the Government buildings and the royal palace, but no damage was done to these structures.

Austrian warships have resumed their bombardment of the Montenegrin coast. From their positions off the Bocche de Cattaro they shelled the Montenegrin positions at Mt. Lovichen all day Monday and today. Their fire was ineffective and the Montenegrin artillery replied only occasionally.



TURKS, IN THREE DRIVES, MARCH ON SUEZ



Turkish armies, numbering probably 120,000, are advancing upon the Suez Canal from three directions: (1) along the Mediterranean, (2) from El Akaba to Suez, (3) and from the east of Ismailia. The fighting so far has been merely outpost skirmishes

BRITISH ALONG SUEZ READY TO STRIKE AT THREE TURK FORCES

Battle in Egypt as 120,-000 Ottoman Troops Invade Province.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 28 .- While the fighting east of the Suez Canal has thus far been confined to skirmishes between the British forces and Turkish troops, it is believed here that the main armies will soon be in contact. The British commander has selected the position in which he will give battle to the advancing

Traffic in the Suez Canal is now going on under restrictions fixed by the British military authorities. Vessels are allowed to enter only at stated hours and they are convoyed the full length of the canal. Utmost precautions are being taken to prevent efforts to destroy the canal. The authorities have been advised that, with the Turkish troops, are German engineers detached from service with the Kaiser's army for that purpose

The Turks, variously reported as numbering 80,000 and 120,000, are said to be approaching the canal from three directions, one large force coming over the tions, one large force coming over the caravan route along the Mediterranean coast and another along the route from El-Akaba to Suez, while tribesmen are crossing the region to the east of Ismailia. The skirmish at El-Kantara, reported yesterday, was between the Turkish troops coming over the coast route and Governments of the stand of the allied Governments on the issue to the coast route and Governments on the issue to the stand of the allied Governments on the issue to the issue

the British forces sent to oppose them.
The Turks coming from El-Akaba are
said to have reached Nakhl, southeast of Suez. Strong British forces have occupied ons along the route from Suez to Nakhl, where there is a small Turkish

Among the British troops concentrated to resist the Turks are several regiments of Australian troops, who have been held here instead of being sent to the western theatre. Hindu troops form a large part of the defending force.

RUMANIAN ASSEMBLY MEETS

Parliament Expects Announcement of War Policy.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 28. The Rumanian Parliament reassembled today for what was expected to be one of the most critical sessions in the nation's

As the members gathered it was reported that the Government would make an important statement on the position of Rumania as regards the war, and probably would submit for ratification a recommendation to align the country with the Allies.

THREE NATIONS BALK AT U.S. PLAN TO BUY SHIPS NOW INTERNED

Skirmishes Prelude to Big Democrats Learn of Diplomatic Issues Involved in Purchase Bill—Where to Buy Craft.

> WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Reliable infor-mation here is that purchase of ships now interned in American ports under pro-visions of the Administration ship purchase bill will involve the United States in serious diplomatic controversy with

Great Britain, France and Russia. Although the Administration is refusing to disclose just what it intends to do if it succeeds in having the ship purchase bill passed, there is no mystery at all about what the allied Governments in the European war will do in case the pro-posed Government-owned corporation buys and puts into trade with Germany and Austria vessels now owned by their enemies. Positive and authoritative statements that these vessels under such cir-cumstances will be treated as enemy vessels are now obtainable in Washington and leave no doubt as to where the allied ernments stand on the Issue.

• Democrats succeeded in forcing

night sessions in the Senate to rush through the ship purchase bill. But the Republican members led them a merry chase before they were able to do so. When the Democrats sought to bring up the bill the minority hurried to the cloakroom and a point of no quorum was

Governments on this issue has in the last few days begun to dawn more fully upon those in Washington interested in the pro-posed legislation. This realization has used legislation. This realization has time with startling force to many Democome with starting force to many Demo-crats who were proceeding under the im-pression that the Administration had re-ceived assurances in advance that there would be no objection to the plan of pur-chasing beiligerents' ships for the proposed steamship line, or at least that such assurances would be obtained before any-

BOURSE SENDS WILSON SHIPPING BILL PROTEST

The ship purchase bill is condemned by members of the Philadelphia Bourse, who have sent a memorial of protest to President Wilson and the members of Congress.

The memorial bears the signatures of President George F. Bartol and Secretary [mil P. Albrecht. Copies have been sent leading commercial organizations espapers and trade journals throughout

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ITALY, BESET, READY FOR WAR AS TURKS GAIN IN EGYPT RAID

German Troops in Tyrol, Menace to Suez and Av-Iona Moves May Decide

Italy is watching the Turkish advance pon the Suez Canal. Italy is watching the German troops that continue to pour into Tyrol, on the

Austrian border. Italy is waiting for Turkey to make amends for the Hodeldah insult. Italy is preparing to take definite steps

to secure its foothold at Aviona. Italy, it is predicted, will enter the

war within two weeks. Probably the advance of the Turkish army under German officers toward the Suez Canal furnishes the gravest crisis and the intervention justification that Italy has been waiting for. Months ago the Italian Government let it be known that interruption of British control of the Suez Canal would be regarded as an act of hostility to Italy, since the security of the canal is indispensable to Italy's communication with its Red Sea provinces. With the canal in Turkish hands, Abyssinia and Eritrea would be cut off. If the Turks defeat the British and selze the canal, Italy, it is expected, will go to

As an active irritant the Hodeldah incident has taken on new importance. The Cabinet Council is discussing what meas-Cabinet Council is discussing what measures should be taken to enforce respect for the Italian flag on the part of the Turkish authorities at Hodeldah. There is ground for belief that the Porte, under German sussion, is attempting its ancient practices of evasion and diplomatic shuffling. At all events, its alleged order to the Vall of the Yemen to release the British Consul, to hoist the Italian flag and to salute it was followed by an insolent refusal from the Turkish official. It is certain that Italy will not permit the incident to rest where it is. ident to rest where it is.

cident to rest where it is.

Of scarcely less interest is the news that custom houses and branches of the State bank are to be established in Aviona. The importance of the Italian occupation of the Austrian port which commands the Adriatic is not underestimated here. From a projective measure, almost here. From a protective measure, almost applogized for by the Quirinal, the occu-pation has become a political and military stroke which is certain to be permanent

Austria's resentment is known. Declining to acquiesce in the landing of Italian forces, Austria notified the world that the matter would be dealt with "after the war." Italy has replied by measures which cannot help but further inflame Austria, race.

Austrian rage.
According to advices from Chiasso, Austria and Germany are growing daily more alarmed at the Italian war preparations and are augmenting their troops along the

Germany especially is pouring regiments

GERMANY DENIES THREAT TO ITALY AND RUMANIA

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—An official denial was issued here today of reports published in the Swiss and English press that Germany had protested to Rome against the concentration of Italian troops on the Austrian frontier.

The opinion of German officialdom is that Italy has no intention of enterios the war. Reports of a German ultimatum to Rumania were also denied.

RUSSIANS FIGHT TO HOLD POSITIONS NEAR GUMBINNEN

General Battle Develops in East Prussin Zone,

PETROGRAD, Jan. 28. Fighting in the region of Gurrbinnen nd Pillkaten, East Prussia, has developed into a general battle as a result of the Germans' efforts to recapture positions taken by the Russians. The Czar's troops are maintaining their front, however, and are repulsing all the attacks, the War

Office states. An official communication issued today indicates a new offensive on the part of the Russians in East Prussia. There they have occupied Pilikalen, between Tilsit and Stalluponen. Earlier in the war General Rennenkampff took possession of Pillicalen. This was followed by the Ger-man invasion of a part of the Russian province of Kovno in September. Since September there has been little activity in Pillkalen region.

AUSTRIANS DRIVE ENEMY OUT OF UZSOK PASS

Gains in Carpathians Announced by Vienna and Petrograd.

VIENNA, Jan. 28. The official statement issued here re ports the recapture of Uzsok Pass, in the Carpathians, which has been in Russian possession since January I.

This pass is about 50 miles south of Przemysł and nearly 200 miles in direct line from the scene of the hard fighting south of the Kimpolung region.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 28. The Austrian offensive has now developed into a general engagement all along the front in Galicia, it is admitted here, the enemy attempting to recapture positions along the Carpathians. Fighting in the Dukla Pass region re-sulted in the capture of 100 Austrians and two machine gunz.

GERMAN TRADE DECREASES Exports to U. S. in 1914 Fall of \$31,552,185.

BERLIN, Jan. 28.-Exports from Germany to the United States in 1914, according to statistics compiled by Julius G Lay, American Consul General here amounted to \$159,051,250. This shows a falling off of \$31,552,185, as compared with the previous year.

GERMAN ATROCITIES DENIED BY BELGIANS IN BRITISH HAVENS

Canvass of Refugees Fails to Substantiate Press Charges of English, State Department Hears.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 35.-Of the thensands of Belgian refugees who are now in England not one has been subjected o atrocities by German soldiers.

This, in effect, is the substance of a report received at the State Department from the American Embassy in London, The report states that the British Government thoroughly had investigated thousands of reports to the effect that German soldiers had perpetrated outrages on

man soldiers had perpetrated outrages on the fleeing Belgians.
During the early period of the war col-umns of British newspapers were filled with the accusations.
Agents of the British Government, ac-cuseding to the report from the American

Agents of the British Government, ac-cording to the report from the American Embassy at London, carefully investi-gated all of these charges; they inter-viewed the alleged victims and sifted all

viewed the alleged victims and sifted all the evidence.

As a result of the investigations the British Foreign Office notified the American Embassy that the charges appeared to be based upon hysteria and natural prajudice. The report added that many of the Belgians had suffered severe hardships, but they should be charged up against the exicencies of war rather than the brutality of the individual German soldiers.

CASTRO HEADS CABINET

LISBON, Jan. 28.—The new Cabinet, the formation of which was intrusted to Genformation of White was in the late of General Pinnento Castro, former Minister of War, has been completed with Castro head of the Cabinet and holding the portfolios of war and foreign affairs,



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