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BRITISH BEGIN DARDANELLES

Troops Withdrawn From American Woman Held Suvla and Anzac Fronts, War Office Announces

Balkan Campaign, View of Some Strategists

Tabloid Chronicle of Strait Campaign

Condensed chronological history of the campaign which military ex-perts call the "greatest failure of the war"

February 25 (1915) - Angle-French fleet opens bombardment of Turkish forts at western entrance to Dardanelles and forces an open-

ing into the strait.

March 18—British battleships Irresistible and Ocean and French battleship Bouvet sunk. British dreadnought Inflexible and French warship Gaulois put out of action.

April 25-Allied forces effect landing on both sides of Dardanelles, but French subsequently forced to withdraw from Asiatic

May 6-Allies get reinforce-

May 12—British battleship Go-liath torpedoed with heavy loss of life. May 26—British battleship Tri-

mph sunk by submarine.

May 27—British battleship Majestic destroyed; Turkish transport sunk in Sea of Marmora.

August 28—Capture of Turkish

positions east of Suvla Bay offi-cially announced in London.

October 15—Officially announced that total British casualties at Dardanelles were 96,899 up to date.

The British have abandoned all present intention of continuing their efforts to reach Constantinople by way of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

The western side of the pensinsula has now been surrendered to the Turks by the abandonment, announced today, of the Suvia Bay and Anzac regions, but does not mean the British have deserted Gallipoli entirely. The southem section of the peninsula, which has always been the more important, still is retained. Nevertheless, it is apparent that only defensive operations are contemplated for the future. Otherwise the co-operation of the troops which have been taken from the western side of the peninsula.

would be required. The withdrawals announced today been the victors in the Gallipoli operation and that the British direction of the campaign has been faulty. The acknowledgement of defeat, however, seems to have been made too late to permit the troops withdrawn from the Gallipoli to change the military situa-

tion in the Balkans.

In the Balkans.

It is by no means certain that the Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Williams. troops taken from Savia Bay and Anzac will not be sent to the Balkan area. If they are the reason unquestionably must be the prevalence of a lively fear in London that the Germans are to attack Salonica and the present defenses there are not sufficient for a successful resistance. There Is an equal chance, however, that the Suez Canal fortifications need strengthening and that the army which has evacuated western Gallipoli next will be heard of in Egypt.

LONDON, Dec. 20 British troops are being withdrawn from the Gallipoli Peninsula, it was of-ficially amounced today by the British War Office. In the official statement, it was said that all troops on the Anzac and Suvia Bay fronts were being sent to another field of operations. The hardest infantry fighting at the

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WEATHER

Weather affects kinsing. It has been known for centuries that the balmy breezes of the shore laved vaves of the Mediterranean help the gentle art, and that in the polar regions kissing isn't in such great demand. But right here at home the effect of the weather on kissing is ex-emplified. Over in the community across effect of the weather as empilied. Over in the community across the Delaware they have stopped it on account of the snow, the rain, the sleet, the frigid air, the ice, the icicles, the fog and the slush of the last few days. The Board of Health hopes to segregate the grip germ by frowning on the kissing germ. It has put a taboo on kissing the board and wives now bow politely. ing germ by frowning on the kisal-ing germ. It has put a tabeo on kissing. Husbands and wives now bow politely, swains formally say "How do you do." to their ladies, and bables gurgle with loy at being let alone.

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair tonight, with lowest temperature about 28 degrees; Tuesday increasing cloudiness; moderate winds mostly morthwest.

LOST AND FOUND

LMBRELLA leat on Route 16, from 23d at, and Sedgeley are, to 18th and Markett buckborn bandle, large silver name plate; initials of the advantage plate, "1889. Reward, J. W. Romand, Ledger Office.

BOSTON BRINDLE BULLDOG lost; 4 white feet, white base and breast, screw tail with Waite tio, two simil scars on bend; an-dwers to Bob. 250 reward if returned 1624 Pibe. GNE 20x40, NONSKID TIRE mounted on rim -Load Friday, Degember 17, 1915, Heward II returned to W. B. S. Ferguson, 507 Lincoln Building.

Deber Classified Ads on Pages 12 and 16

BULGARS INSULT TO RETIRE FROM U.S. FLAG; SEIZE RED CROSS FOOD

Prisoner at Monastir. Troops Raid Stores

MAY GO TO SAVE EGYPT AGENT HIT WITH SWORD

Strengthening of Weakened State Department Appealed To. Flour Taken for Use of Bulgarian Army

> SALONICA, Dec. 20 - Mrs. Walter Farwell, Chicago society woman, was roughly handled by Bulgarian soldlers who attacked Dr. Harry S. Forbes, of Boston, American Red Cress worker, in a raid on the American Red Cross headquarters at Monastir, Serbia, ac-

> cording to word brought here today. The American diag was torn from the building and Red Cross stores for the relief of Serbians seized for use by the Bulgarian army. Sentries were stationed at all doors of the Red Cross building and the American workers and Mrs. Farwell virtually made prisoners.

Edward Stuart, chief of the American Red Cross force in Serbia, today ap-pealed to the American State Depart-ment, through Consul Kebi, to demand that Mrs. Farwell and Forbes be allowed to leave Monastir. A Red Cross agent who reported the attack to Stuart said that they were safe last Wednesday, but that the situation was growing very un-

that they were safe last Wednesday, but that the situation was growing very un-pleasant if not actually dangerous. Forbes, according to reports received by the Red Cross officials here, purchased 21 carloads of flour from the Serbians be-fore they evacuated Monastir. He stored it in Red Cross headquarters and was dis-tributing small portions daily to the 2000 impoverished familles in Monastir.

The Bulgarians repeatedly demanded that Forbes sell the flour to their troops, offering double prices. Forbes refused, explaining that the flour was the property of the American Red Cross for dis-tribution among civilians. When the Bul-gars threatened to confiscate the flour Forbes hung an American flag over the door. Several Bulgarian officers, with 39 sol-

diers, suddenly descended upon the build-ing and tore down the flag. One officer, who said he was a former deputy sheriff in Kansas, exclaimed to Forbes: "I know

that rag. It's only good enough to scare Mexicans, not Bulgars."
Several soldiers sprang upon Forbes, according to the report received by Red Cross officials here. In the struggle an officer struck him with the butt of his sword.
Mrs. Farwell attempted to photograph the invaders. Three soldiers seized her

by the neck and arms and smashed her by the neck and arms and camera.
The Bulgars then seized two carloads of flour, and warned Forbes and Mrs.
Farwell not to attempt to leave the

uilding. A Red Cross agent, who was sent into A red cross agent, who was sent into Serbia in an attempt to reach Forbes and Mrs. Farwell, was turned back at the Bulgarian lines. He gathered the story of the raid from Bulgarian officials with whom he conversed.

CHICAGO Dec. 20-Mrs. Walter Far-The withdrawais announced today well, reported to have been taken into custody with Doctor Forbes, of the Red Cross, by Bulgarians at Monastir, Serbia, is the wife of Walter Farwell, son

band is a millionaire. Mrs. Farwell was engaged as correspondent of the Chicago Tribune at Monastir. She had been assured of safety at Monastir by the Bulgarians. She was Miss Mildred Williams, of on, D. C., daughter of General

WOMAN GIVES A BIG CLUE IN TRUNK MURDER

Suit Case, Like the One Keller Got for McNichol, Thrown Into Yard

"GET RID OF IT, AL"

The police are close upon the tracks of Al" Young, "star" witness in the trunk murder mystery, as the result of remarkable clues furnished by a woman living in the extreme southwestern corner of the city.

A suitcase was thrown into her cesterday morning by two men who stopped near her house in an automobile. It is believed to be the sultcase which Mrs. Michael Jennings gave Edward Estler to give her son-in-law, Dariel J. Mc-Nichol, after his disappearance. Keller is in a cell at City Hall accused of the murder of McNichol, whose body was found in a trunk in the celler of Keller's

old laundry at 4062 Frankford avenue. After McNichol disappeared on March After McNichol disappeared on March 29, 1914, Keiler, who was associated with him in the leather goods factory at 12th and Hamilton streets, told McNichol's young wife and her mother, at their home. 866 North 22d street, that McNichol was hiding in New York, ashamed to face his family after the failure of his business.

They gave him money and a suitcase full of clothes to be forwarded to McNichol. As it is believed McNichot was mur-As it is believed McNichol was mindered in his factory the day he disappeared the finding of this suitcase, which evidently never reached the missing man's hands, has been an important link of evidence sought by the police. Also they have sought "Al" Young, a workman at the leather factory of McNichol McNichol and bute an employe in Keller's & Keller and later an employe in Keller's laundry, as a witness. It is even believed by the detectives

that Young knew something about the murder, and in one of their theories of the crime he ligures as having helped to dispose of the body when it was re-moved in a trunk to be buried in the cellar of the Frankford avenue laundry.

The evidence supplied today by Mrs.
Joseph P. McGowan, of 5th street and
Bartram avenue, gives clues not only to
the suitcase but to "Al" Young. She was

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CHRISTMAS TREES AT CITY HALL



The annual mobilization of tree venders on the plazza around City Hall began today and from now till Christmas Day trading in fir, spruce, holly and other Yuletide greens will be brisk there.

GERMAN FLEET FAILS TO MEET FOES IN FORAY

Warships Cruise North to Metzler Implicates Boy-Ed Skaggerack Without Encountering British Units

REBLIN Dec. 26 - Part of the German leet has but to sea, but failed to ence ter any British warships, it was officially of the late C. B. Farwell, United States
Senator from Illinois, in 1890. Her husfrom the Admiralty: "A detachment of the fleet searched the North Sea for enemy ships. On Friday and Saturday they cruised into the Skagerrack: Fifty-two vessels were searched. One ship bearing contraband was brought into a German consp port. During all the time no British warships were seen anywhere."

> The German War Office announced today that German coast batteries drove off hostile war ships which bombarded Westende, on the Belgian coast, Sunday.

The reported foray of German war vessels north to the Skaggerack (the vessels north to the Skaggerack (the strait which separates Norway from Den-mark) does not necessarily mean that to the Welland Canal to blow it up. strait which separates Norway from Denthe Kaiser's ships salled with the definite purpose of seeking out the enemy and giving battle. Had this been the intenwould not have been taken, as no British warships have been reported recently in that part of the North Sea.

The fact that the German warships made no strenuous efforts to locate the British fleet is revealed in the official report from Berlin, which states that hostile warships hombarded the German positions on the Belgian coast and were driven off by shore batteries. driven off by shore batteries.

Any effort on the part of German naval authorities to engage in a battle with the British would lead the Kaiser's war-ships into the lower part of the North Sea or English Channel, where they rould in all probability be accommo

GERMAN PLOTTER CONFESSES CHIEF IS PAUL KOENIG

and Von Papen in Canal Conspiracy

VESSELS SEARCHED TWO JURIES IN SESSION

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. secret service in the United States, made a confession today in which he is re-ported to have made important revela-tions. In his statement Metzler absolved himself, naming other persons, who, he declared, carried out the pro-German ac-

In the confession covering Teutonic conspiracies, Metzler involved Captains von Papen and Boy-Ed, recalled attaches of the German Embassy, the Governments agents said.

The confession was made to Chief William B. Officy, head of the investigating department in New York, but it was ob-tained mainly through the efforts of two operatives, Alfred Adams and John J. Gnguezich

FAILED IN ATTEMPT to the Welland Canal to blow it up Fuchs reported that he was unable to do o and afterward Koenig sent others on

Activities of Koenig in Boston, Portland. Me. and other New England cities are being traced, and an effort is being made to connect him with the fire on board the steamship Minnehaha. Koenig is believed to have operated an elaborate secret service establishment, employing 25 operatives to gather information for

The Government officials investigating the plot believe this Koenig was not con-nected personally with fires and bomb plots which were hatched to impede the shipment of war supplies to the Allies. The alleged German agent is regarded as

Two operatives investigating the activ-Continued on Page Two, Culumn Two

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE PRIGIONIERI AUSTRIACI ON; SCARCE THIS YEAR

Holiday Firs and Cypress

Christmas trees are on sale. City Hall plaza is green with a greenery that is not of this chime. The tall visitors from the Maine forests, tied together in huge bundles, look strangely thin and gaunt, their branches bound tightly to the slender trunks. But they loosen up and spread gracefully out, as in nature, when the weight of golden balls and silver spangles tugs at the ends of the boughs. The trees are scarce. The supply consists chiefly of the small variety of fir and cypress. The prices range from 50 cents to 45. The east plaza of the City Hall is, as usual, the scene of the greatear trade activity. Scores of other stands are to be located near the Reading Terminal, Market street ferry houses and other points near railroad terminals. The highest bidder for space on City Hall plaza was P. Glasman. He is pay-ing the city 50.5 a square foot for the space occupied by the trees.

The supply of trees is din

TRASFERITI IN ITALIA City Hall Plaza Stacked With 30,000 Austriaci Catturati Dalle Truppe di Re Pietro

Sono in Albania

Un telegramma da Roma dice che trentamila prigionieri austriaci presi dal serbi saranno trasferiti in Italia dove rimarranno sino alla fine della guerra. Questi prigionieri sono ora in viaggio per l'Albania dove saranno imbarcati alla volta dell'Italia. L'Italia ha gia' nelle sue mani oltre 39,000 prigionieri austriaci presi sui fronte di battaglia dell'Isonzo e

Il communicato ufficiale pubblicato ieri sera a Roma dice che nonostante che la neve nelle montagne e la pioggia e la nebbia nella pianura ostaccino le opera-zioni di guerra, la truppe italiane con-tinuano ad essere per quanto e' possibile attive. Esse hanno attaccato di sorpresa e conquistato una Lincea austriaca sui fianchi settentrionali dei Monte San Michele facendovi prigionieri ilà austriaci. (Leggere in 4 pagina le ultime e plu' dettagliate notizie sulla guerra, in Ital-

del Trentino.

VIENNA TO STAND FIRM DESPITE NEW NOTE, IS BELIEF

Officials Fear Popular Feeling Will Force Austria to Reject Demands

DISPATCHED YESTERDAY

Lansing Has Private Phone Wire to President at Hot Springs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. The national capital settled down today to a period of anylous waiting. The last word to Austria in the Anguna case is en route to Vienna. It likely will be delivered there on Timusday. And on the final really made thereto will hinge the future relations between the two countries.

Secretary Lansing today announced that the note would be made public at noon Wednesday.

Landing wild the note was sent yester-day. From his emission to be expected it to reach Victors some time tomorrow. The conclusion has drawn that it is a short communication.

The State Department this afternoon announced the second of a enclosism from Ambassador Page at Rome, saying that it has been definitely established that If Americans were about the Italian lines August, sunk by an Austrian submarine. The cantegrain stated further that only three of these were saved. There is little expectation in the minds of Secretary of State Lansing and those in his confidence that Austria will yield. Although pressure to make concessions is being exerted from Berlin, and Hungarian officials are pointing out that a diplomatic break at this time must have a serious effect on the Balkan outlook, the confidential advices of the Department indicate that the anti-American element controls in Vienna. Inasmuch as the final rejoinder of this government to Austria is a reiteration of all previous demands, coupled with the declaration that the subject is one of principle mot precedents, officials say that Vienna can be expected to maintain her announced position and decline to There is little expectation in the minds her announced position and decline to disayow the sinking of the Aucona.

The only possible ray of brightness seen here is the possibility that Austria may have received late information that would admit repudiation of her original admiralty statement regarding the cir-cumstances surrounding the sinking of the Italian liner. If this should be so the United States would have to receive the supplemental information and it wight he possible for Autrin shorely to might be possible for Austria sharply to contradict the evidence now before the State Department that the Ancona was torpedoed and sunk after she had stopped. So far, however, no intimation has come from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna indicating that such information is available there.

Although Secretary Lansing has been clothed with assolute power to settle the Ancona dispute, he will be able to reach President Wilson at a moment's notice should a grave emergency arise. A special telephone line has been stretched between the Presidential apartment in the Homestead Hotel, at Hot Springs, Va., and the State Department. This is of the "non tap" variety slugged through the White House switchboard and equipped so that if any attempt is made to "listen in" anywhere, a danger signal is flashed at both ends. It is not expected, however, that the 'phone will be much used as Lat ing has full authority to a !! as he sees fit at all times.

'GLIMPSES FROM AFAR" IS ALL CURIOUS GET OF PRESIDENT AND BRIDE

Woodrow Wilson, Private Citizen, Not Woodrow Wilson, President of U.S., on His

COUPLE IN SECLUSION

Honeymoon

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 29 - Secluded in their suite in the east wing of the Homestead Hotel here, President Wilson nd his bride enjoyed the second day of neir honeymoon free from all prying yes. An automobile ride at top speed was scheduled to be their only out-ofdoors diversion. The remainder of the day will be spent on the big sun veranda which adjoins their immediate suite or in the cosy sitting room which had been esially decorated for them. The entire wing of the hotel has been set apart fo the couple and access to it is denied by energetic secret service men who guard the entrances.

The President caused it to be known oday that he desired complete seclusion, to visitors will be received. All meals fill be taken in the private dining room of the suite. And it has been arranged that the golf links shall be set apart for their private use at certain hours of the day. The President has let it be known that he has divested himself of his official duties and that he is here on his honey-moon as Woodrow Wilson, happy bride-groom, instead of as Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States. Only "glimpss from afar" of President and his bride are possible for the fewer than 100 guests now at the hotel here. They have even been denled so far the customary view of the couple

is a private entrance to the wing assing through the corridors. the hotel in which the Presidentia all times. And, by order of the Presi-

> Continued on Page Two, Column One EFFORT TO AID COST \$25

Ex-Congressman Fined for Speeding Ill Sister Home

WILMINGTON, Dei., Dec. 28.-in City court today 11. C. White, former Repre-entative, was fined \$5 and costs for violating the automobile speed law. His aister was taken ill in his car and he rushed her home so that a physician night be summoned.

Judge Churchman expressed his sytopathy, but declared the law made no exception in such cases.

QUICK NEWS

GERMAN AIR FLEET SHELLS BELGIAN TOWN

BERLIN, Der. 20.-The German War Office issued the following report this afternoon; "Lively artillery duels and mining operations occurred along the west front. One of our air squadrons bombanded Poperinghe, Beigium, where enemy troops were concentrating. An English hiplane was shot down at Brughes and the occupants

BULGARS' LOSS 130,000 TO DATE

LONDON. Dec. 20 .- It is estimated in allied staff circles at Esienics that to date the Bulgarians have lost 130,000 men," says an Athens dispatch to the Evening Standard.

AUSTRIANS GAIN MORE GROUND IN BALKANS

BERLIN, Dec. 20.-The text of this afternoon's official statement follows: "Balkan theatre of war: In the fighting northeast of the Tara River mountain guns and two field guns were captured. In further successful fights about Mojkovae the Austrio-Hugarians took several hundred prisoners."

HOTEL HELD LIABLE FOR SAFETY OF GUEST IN FIRE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- A Nebraska statute making innkeepers liable for the safety of their guests in the event of fire was upheld by the Supreme Court today as a reasonable exercise of police power. A verdict of \$6500 for personal injury, obtained in Nebraska courts by Emil J. Strahl against Rome Miller, a hotel proprietor, was affirmed. Strahl was injured followiug a fire, and alleges that Miller did not use diligence in warning guests of the outbreak of the fire.

MONTENEGRINS TREACHEROUS, BERLIN CHARGES

BERLIN, Dec. 20,-An official statement issued at the war office today occuses the Montenegrins of treachery. It described the taking of Montenegrin prisoners as follows:

"The Montenegrins at some places held up their hands and waved flags, dvancing until near the Austro-Hungarian lines, where they suddenly threw hand grenades. This treachery met with corresponding treatment. It always will be treated in the same way."

FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT ILL

LA CROSSE, Wis., Doc. 29,-Former President William Howard Taft on his arrival here today was met at the train by a physician and taken to the home of George W. Burton, a Vale classmate and friend, where he was

The former President was taken with chills on the train, and it was necessary to make up a bed for him in the parlor car. His condition was not believed to be serious.

RUSSIANS DRIVE BACK PERSIAN GENDARMES

BUCHAREST, Dec. 20 .- Severe fighting has taken place between the Persian gendarmerie and Russian troops in the mountains around Kum and Hamadan, in Persia, about 50 miles southwest of Teheran, according to information received here today.

The gendarmerie were supported by Kurd tribesmen under German and Turkish officers, as well as many members of the Mejliss (the Pergian Parliament). The Persians retired from their mountain forts after suffering heavy

THOUSANDS OF SERB REFUGEES PERISH IN SNOW

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- "A half-million refugees fled from Serbin," says the Times' Salonica correspondent, "preferring the horrible alternative of a winter flight into snow-covered mountains to submission to the Germans Little has been learned of their fate, but it is only too likely that many thousands perished of cold or starvation or were devoured by wolves. Some 750,000 refugees thus assembled on the Plain of Kossovo on the way to Albania and Montenegro. Of these, a quarter of a million were persuaded to accept the authority of the Austro-Germans; the others fled."

REACTIONARIES STRONGER IN RUSSIA, BERLIN SAYS

BERLIN, Dec. 26 .- "The reactionary movement in Russia is progressing," said an item issued by the Overseas News Agency today. "Minister of the Interior Chostor has suppressed the announced conventions of the Russian National Towns Union and the Russian National Union of Self-Government, the Russian Committee on War Industries stating that Moscow is no place for gatherings, since the mob which started recent street riots is still restless."

RUMANIA GENERAL ENDS LIFE TO AVOID DISGRACE

GENEVA, Dec. 20.-Munich newspapers received here aunounce the suicide of General Jonesco, commanding the Second Rumanian Army Corps. According to the story, the general was suspected of having been bribed by one of the Powers. The Minister of War ordered an inquiry and, his suspictons being confirmed, he sent two officers to inform General Jonesco of the result of the investigation. Two hours later General Jonesco killed himself.

KAISER FORBIDS CHRISTMAS FETES BY COURT LONDON, Dec. 20.-The Kaiser has prohibited any Christmas festivities in

the German court or otherwise before peace shall have been established, according to a report received here by the Exchange correspondent. This report says that even New Year's wishes will be barred and that the royal Princes will not be allowed to return home to spend Christmas in their family circles, The Kaiser and Kaiserin will spend Christmas at headquarters in France.

INVASION OF BRITAIN BY GERMANS PREDICTED

LONDON, Dec. 26.-During the relaxation in all the offensive campaigns European interest is focused on the probabilities of some new but as yet undereloped upheaval. It appears to be taken for granted on all sides that the policy of the Central Powers will be to attempt to gain a decision somewhere, while their opponents will prefer to devote the winter to preparations for warfare in

The Observer considers a German attempt to invade England as a desperate gamble, one of the foremost possibilities, and believes that the extensive movements of troops in Belgium may mean preparations for embarking at Zeebrugge and in the Scheldt River.

BERLIN ADMITS SINKING OF TWO WARSHIPS

BERLIN, Dec. 20.-The following official statement is issued here: "The small cruiser Bremen and an accompanying torpedoboat have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic. A considerable portion of the crews were

Many bodies and wreckage continue to come ashore from the German essel Buenz, which sank or was destroyed two days ago. Fog prevented an investigation of the disaster and it is not known what caused the sinking of the Buenz.

Some believe that she ran into a German mine field, while another version is that she was torpedoed by a British submarine.

UNITED STATES SETS NEW SHIP-BUILDING RECORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-American shippards have under construction now more vessels than ever before were building in the United States to add to an American merchant marine whose gross tonnage already is the largest in the country's history, said a report from the Commissioner of Navigation. Ninety-eight merchant vessels of more than 3000 tonnage are being built

or are under contract. These, with many small vessels being constructed, have z total tonnage of 761,511.

Altogether 171 foreign vessels have taken American registry under the act of August 14, 1914. Ninety-eight American vessels have been transferred to fureign registry since August.

A Christmas Supplement, Printed by the Intaglio Process, Will Be Issued With Tomorrow's Editions of the Evening Ledger