

RUSSIANS FORGE AHEAD IN SWEEP TOWARD BALKANS

Mackensen Speeds From Serbia to Break Offensive to Relieve Allies

CZAR'S MASTER STROKE Rumania to Enter War on Allies' Side, Liberal Leader Declares

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Steady progress is being made by the Russians in their great offensive movement on the frontier of Bukovina (southern Galicia). It is officially reported in Petrograd that the Austro-Hungarian troops holding the line northeast of Czernowitz are falling back before the assaults of the Czars' forces.

It is reported that the German war effort is alarmed at the violence of the Russian attack, has ordered large detachments of German troops and masses of artillery to Bukovina to prevent another Russian drive toward Hungary such as took place last winter.

However, before the Russians could gain a position which would permit an Austro-German line of communication in the Balkans, they would have to cross the Carpathians in the face of insuperable difficulties.

Vienna professes the belief that Austria has trained a city of her finest troops on the Galician front and military experts now look for another German drive on the Russian front.

Field Marshal von Mackensen has been hastily withdrawn from Serbia to take command of the last-pressed Austrian troops on the Bessarabia front, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times.

RUMANIA TO JOIN ALLIES. LIBERAL LEADER ASSERTS

BUCHAREST, Jan. 4.—Take Joneacu, former minister and chief of the Liberal party, in an interview says: "Belonging to the Opposition, I cannot tell definitely what Rumania's official action will be. But I can express this nation's will and the probabilities of the future."

AUSTRIA FIGHTS TO HOLD NAVAL BASE AT CATTARO

ROME, Jan. 4.—A desperate and most important struggle for mastery of the Adriatic is now raging near the Austrian naval base of Cattaro between the combined Austrian naval and land forces and Montenegrins.

GREEKS RESENT ALLIES' REFUSAL TO FREE TEUTONS

BELIN, Jan. 4.—"Greek public opinion is excited about the attitude of the Entente Powers, which are disinclined to fulfill the request of the Greek Government to release the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish Consuls arrested in Salonica."

RISKED LIFE FOR PET BEARS

BRANTON, Pa., Jan. 4.—In attempting to save five bears belonging to the B. H. Patrick Carnival Shows, Miss Maud Gouville, who was training the bears, nearly lost her life last night when the building in which the shows had their quarters was destroyed by fire.

Sweden Resumes Gold Payments STOCKHOLM, Jan. 4.—The National Bank of Sweden has resumed the payment of notes in gold, which has been suspended since August 3, 1914.

"Derby Plan" Fails; 53 Per Cent. Enlistment

Of 4,011,441 men eligible for military service in the United Kingdom, only 2,129,261 enlisted during the Lord Derby recruiting campaign. This represents only 53 per cent.

When Lord Derby was put in charge of the recruiting in England he outlined a plan by which men might volunteer for immediate or subsequent service. The recruits who enlisted for service at a later date were divided into groups. Those who enlisted for immediate service at the regulation army recruiting posts were sent into training at once.

Preference was given to single men. Those who enlisted under the group system were divided into "starred" and "unstarred" men. The "starred" men were the ones unfit for active service, but who could be used in the arsenals or elsewhere under the direction of the War Office.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO FRAME DRAFT BILL

Continued from Page One British armies by drafting only single men of military age not urgently needed in other occupations.

A surprising feature of the report was the statement that about 25 per cent. of the married men of military age responded, whereas only 53 per cent. of the single men offered themselves for service.

FIRST DRAFT OF SINGLE MEN. When the Derby recruiting campaign was inaugurated it was understood that if recruits came forward in sufficient force the Government would decide definitely against conscription. A special appeal was made to unmarried men to enroll.

Of 2,129,261 single men of military age in the United Kingdom only 1,150,000 volunteered. Of those who failed to enroll, 378,071 are exempted from military service because they hold "preferred" positions in Government or in other duties making it inadvisable that they join the army. This leaves 631,159 single men available. It is probable that the Government will take no steps at least for the present, to draft married men for service in the army.

DETAILS OF NEW BILL. At the Cabinet meeting today to settle, if possible, the final details of the modified conscription bill there was keen opposition to the proposition that Ireland should be excluded from the workings of the measure; the opposition against Ireland was fully as strong.

Premier Asquith was understood to be very anxious to introduce the bill in the House of Commons tomorrow, but it was considered doubtful whether the details could be worked out in time.

A strong feeling against conscription has grown up among the Liberals, and the opinion was expressed that many influential members of this political party would take part in the fight against the bill in Parliament. In this battle they will be assisted by the leaders of the Irish Nationalists and the Labour party.

BIG BATTLESHIPS HERE NEED EQUIPMENT

Continued from Page One appointed. He was at one time commandant, inspection officer and captain in command.

A rigid order of Secretary of the Navy Daniels prevents the officers and seamen from discussing the situation publicly. But it is a matter of common knowledge, officers say, that conditions on many of the ships are serious, and that in case they should be called into active service it would at once appear. According to them, conditions at the Philadelphia yard are not the exception, but are typical of those everywhere.

Battleships at Navy Yard Far Short of Equipment

Six battleships, the Alabama, the North Dakota, the Missouri, the Ohio, the Wisconsin and the Illinois, lack 108 officers and 3200 men to make up their complements. The Connecticut and the Minnesota, on the active list, lack 60 per cent of their complement.

Only two ships—the Michigan and the South Carolina—are ready for active service. Admiral Helm commands six ships, when, according to a regulation, he should command four ships, or a division.

WHERE RUSSIANS ARE ADVANCING



The map shows the scene of the operations in Volhynia and eastern Galicia, where the Russians have launched a new offensive. Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, the key to the Carpathians; Lemberg, the big Galician city, and Czartoryk, on the Kovel-Sarny railroad sector, are the chief points now bitterly contested.

AMERICAN SURVIVORS 14 LONG HOURS IN SEA AFTER PERSIA SANK

Charles Grant Tells of Last Moments Before Big Liner Went Down—Many Sang Hymns

JUMPED INTO OCEAN

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 4.—The first detailed description of the destruction of the Peninsular and Oriental liner Persia by a submarine was told here today by Charles Grant, of Boston, one of the survivors.

Mr. Grant said that there was no panic until the survivors sang hymns while they climbed into the lifeboats.

EXPLOSION THEN FOLLOWED. The Persia sank so quickly and listed so heavily that none of the lifeboats on the starboard side could be launched.

The liner was torpedoed at five minutes past 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

"There was an explosion as though the boilers had burst immediately after the torpedo struck," said Mr. Grant.

"I was at lunch at the time. The steward had just asked me what I wished for my second course, when suddenly there was a jar which caused the ship to shiver through her whole length. There was a roaring sound of rushing water, an explosion, and then she began to settle, meanwhile turning upon her starboard side."

"Robert McNeely, the United States Consul at Aden, had been eating at our table, but was not present when the ship was torpedoed. His cabin was on the starboard side, and the chances are he was caught in it with no chance to escape."

"Although the dining saloon was filled with smoke and flying glass when the ship was struck, there was no wild panic. However, there was lots of excitement, with every one rushing toward the decks and searching for life belts."

"The ship was listing so badly that we had a difficult time making our way up the stairs."

"On deck the sailors were unslashing the boats as quickly as possible and getting the passengers into them. Only the boats on the left side could be used on account of the heavy list of the vessel."

"Captain Sprickley came up while I was clinging to the rail and I assisted him with his life belt."

"I made my way down the starboard side and jumped into the water, meanwhile catching hold of a dangling rope. The rope pulled away, and then I climbed on board some floating wreckage."

SIGHTED LIFEBOATS. "I clung to this wreckage until 4 o'clock Friday morning, when I saw some lifeboats. I managed to get on board one of them and we rowed around looking for other stragglers."

"The scene when the Persia sank was a terrible one. The men and women were singing hymns as they climbed into the boats and some were praying aloud. Others kept calling 'Good-by.'"

"A group of four boats floated together and were lashed with ropes so they would not become separated."

"After rowing about for several hours we saw a warship. These in our boat turned up the cry, 'We are English.' It turned out to be a British ship, and after being taken on board we gave directions where other survivors might be picked up."

ITALIANS ROUT FOE IN ISONZO ASSAULT

Austrian Plateau Attack at St. Michaels Repulsed With Heavy Losses

GLI AUSTRIACI BATTUTI SUL MONTE S. MICHELE DURANTE UN ATTACCO

Il Giappone Mandera' Tre Incrociatori nel Mediterraneo per la Caccia ai Sottomarini

LA LOTTA IN GALIZIA

ROMA, 4 Gennaio. Questa mattina il Ministero della Guerra ha pubblicato il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella zona di Legnano, a nord del Passo di Falzarego, il nemico fece esplodere una mina che fece precipitare una valanga. Si ebbe una tremenda caduta di massi di roccia, che però non causarono alcun danno né ad abitanti né alle nostre posizioni."

"Sull'aeroporto del Carso il 2 Gennaio il nemico attaccò le nostre posizioni sul Monte San Michele, ma fu respinto dopo aver subito gravi perdite. Le nostre posizioni sul San Michele sono più solide che mai."

I comandanti delle flotte alleate operanti nel Mediterraneo, e cioè l'Inglese, l'Italiano e la francese, hanno ricevuto dai rispettivi governi istruzioni severissime per quanto riguarda la caccia ai sottomarini teutonici che operano nel Mediterraneo, e più specialmente nelle vicinanze del Canale di Suez, straordinaria attività e che hanno già affondato alcuni sottomarini inglesi, Peninsular and Oriental Company. Le flotte alleate hanno istruzioni di rendere questi sottomarini così innocui come sono stati resti quelli che operavano nel Mare del Nord.

Un telegramma da Tokio dice che un giornale di quella città annuncia che il governo giapponese ha deciso di inviare una squadra di incrociatori nel Mediterraneo per cooperare con le flotte alleate nella caccia ai sottomarini teutonici. Tre incrociatori sono stati assegnati a questo servizio. Durante la campagna di questi sottomarini nel Mediterraneo tre sottomarini giapponesi sono stati affondati, e questo fatto spiega la decisione del governo giapponese.

COMMENTI ITALIANI. Tutti i giornali italiani commentano l'affondamento del Persia che in Italia ha fatto profonda impressione. Il Giornale d'Italia dice:

"Questo nuovo delitto è una terribile offesa alla civiltà, specialmente perché viene commesso proprio quando in una nota agli Stati Uniti l'Austria fa professione di principi di umanità."

La Tribuna rammenta il fatto che durante le trattative con gli Stati Uniti per l'affare del Lusitania la Germania affondò l'Arabia proprio come ora, mentre proseguono le trattative per l'Ancon. L'Austria affonda il Persia.

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compresi donne, ragazzi e vecchi, sono stati assasi: tutti dagli imperi centrali. Notizie da Petrograd dicono che da tre o quattro giorni una violentissima e grande battaglia si sta combattendo su di una fronte che va dalla Volinia alla Bucovina tra russi ed austro-tedeschi. I russi hanno preso l'offensiva ed hanno costretto il nemico ad accettare battaglia. Da questa lotta appena impegnata e che già si svolge favorevolmente ai russi dipende forse l'intervento della Rumania. Nella Bucovina la battaglia si svolge attorno a Czernowitz ed ivi i russi avanzano lentamente ma costantemente.

Una disperata lotta per il dominio del Adriatico meridionale, e precisamente per la sicurezza della base austriaca di Cattaro, si sta svolgendo tra la flotta e le forze di terra austriache e le forze montenegrine. Gli austriaci stanno facendo tentativi disperati per conquistare il Monte Lovcen da cui i montenegrini dominano Cattaro, perché finché quella montagna è nelle mani dei montenegrini, gli austriaci non possono essere sicuri nella loro base navale meridionale, da cui le loro navi operano o tentano di operare nell'Adriatico e nell'Egeo. Dalla parte del mare Cattaro è assolutamente impenetrabile, ma da terra può essere attaccata solo dal Monte Lovcen quando sul monte siano installati 3-tenti e moderni cannoni.

Two Motorcycle Speed Kings Killed BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 4.—As a result of a collision while practicing on the speedway, F. Montgomery and William Gowdy, motorcycleists, are dead today. Otto Walker, another rider was seriously injured.

Advertisement for 'The Reading' featuring a swimmer and text: 'THE DIRECT LINE TO ATLANTIC CITY. Frequent fast all-steel express trains from CHESTNUT ST. FERRY. BATHING. In tempered salt water at the popular pools brings summer's aquatic pleasures in Winter time.'

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Advertisement for 'WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW' by WM. A. SCHNADER, Esq., with details on distribution and cost.

Advertisement for 'Combination Special Canned Vegetables' by E. Bradford Clarke Co., listing items like Maine Corn, Jersey Tomatoes, and Cut String Beans.