SLAV SHIPS AID 20-MILE ADVANCE UPON TREBIZOND

Troops Landed From Transports Put Turks to Flight

FIFTY MILES FROM GOAL

LONDON, March 7 .- A big section of Smyrna has been destroyed by fires set during the French air raid over the Turkish city five days ago, according to the Rome wireless. Some of the fires are still burning.

Collapse of the Turkish campaign is Imminent, according to dispatches from various sources. The Turks are tired of the war and the Sheik-ul-Islam, head of the church of Mahomet, has threat ened to relinquish his office. Economic conditions are distressing both in European and Asiatic Turkey, where food is so scarce that famine is feared. The credit of the Porte has been reduced.

The military situation of the Moslems. however, is what is causing the greatest concern. The German-officered Turkish armies in Armenia, Mesopotamia and Persin are in sore straits. The victories of Grand Duke Nicholas continue. On all fronts in Asia Minor the Turk is at bay. Slay warships are aiding in the drive upon the Sultan's big Black Sea port of Trebizond. The land forces have taken Atlna and Maprava, less than 100

The British relief column marching through Mesopotamia has been heavily reinforced and is gaining toward Kut, where another British army is beleaguered. Muscovites who have taken the Persian stronghold of Kermanshah are advancing for a junction with the British in this field. The Czar's forces, with the capture of Erzerum and Bitlis. are masters of the entire Lake Van

London reports that Russia has rejected a Constantinople proffer for a separate peace which is being sought by the Sublime Porte on account of the menace to the Prophet's Empire in Asia Minor.

Definite information of trustworthy character to the effect that the backbone of the Ottoman defense against the Russians has been broken has reached Washington, coupled with the asertion that developments of a startling character may be expected soon in the Near Eastern situation. It is intlmated here also that Russia has already been approached on behalf of the Turks for a separate peace. Overtures in this direction can hardly be expected to be accepted by the Russians at this time, not so much because the Turks are not yet ready to give Russia what she wants most from Turkey, an outlet to the Mediterranean, but because Russia has entered into a compact with the other Entente Allies not to sign a

ITALIAN AEROS RAID AUSTRIAN BARRACKS

Bombs Dropped at Laibach Kill or Wound 800 Soldiers

GENEVA, March 7 .- Eight hundred Austrian soldlers in barracks were killed or wounded in the raid made by Italian aeroplanes February 19 on the city of Laibach, according to information re-ceived here today.

Two high officers of the staff of Archduke Eugene, commander-in-chief of the Austrian forces operating against Italy, are said to have been killed. One of the Italian aeroplanes was destroyed.

Laibach is about 45 miles east of Gorizia, has a population of about 20,000 and is the reported headquarters of the Austrian army operating against the Italians.

An official report of the raid given out in Rome said that it was in retaliation for numerous violations of international law by the Austrians.

Health Women Talk on Baby Week Baby Week was the chief topic at the annual dinner of the women employes of the Bureau of Health, at Kugler's, last night. The principal speakers were Miss Alice Hahn and Miss May Riding. Miss

Sarah Stanley presided.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paul E. Karney, 2605 N. Broad st., and Catherine A. Gennunder, 2622 Pratt st.

Howard Saybolt, 2687 E. Clearfield st., and
Kathryn Murphy, 2588 E. Clearfield st., and
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B. Dallas, 861 N. 25th st.
John P. Binder, Renovo, Pa., and Mary B.
Frunder, 1809 Thompson st.
John P. Haiz, 1903 Harlem st., and Ruth C.
Withrow, 843 N. Preston st.
Elmer Khesht, Camden, N. J., and Anna McCleary, 858 E. Thayer st.
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Michael McKee, 2552 N. Front st., and Julia
A. Burrows, 3025 N. Tylip st.
Jack Jones, 6641 Addison st., and Margaret
Fox, 5513 Addison st.
Jack McKerr, 7219 Woodland ave., and Elimbeth Bonnall. 5517 Ludlow st.
Andrew Hendricks, Hirmingham, Pa., and
Mary Hendricks, 1938 Camac st.
Abe, Tabos, 2310 N. 24 st., and Anna Cohen,
1914 Payrish st.
Alexander Forguson, 2819 Ruth st., and Helon
Dorecy, B150 Cedar st.
T. Eugens Lowber, 813 Poplar st., and Martie
K. Burk, 813 Poplar st.
Albin J. Traceski, 2615 S. Carlisle st., and
Jennie E. Watson, 2615 S. Carlisle st.
Sam Kaplan, 1827 S. Frankilla st., and Jennie
Massy Holcher, 1643 N. 2d st., and Anna E.
Lessier, 5763 Beechwood st. TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

TEUTONS TAKE FRESNES: GAIN ALONG MEUSE

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eastern part of Corbeaux forest and also Comiers wood, it was officially announced. The announcement that the French re-tain the summit of Goose Hill, a strongly fortified position rising 257 feet above the wooded country, was taken to indicate that the Germans have progressed, occupying possibly some of the French trenches on the slopes.

Regneville lies on the Meuse River, a mile southeast of Forges and four miles northwest of Verdun. It is within easy gun range of the forts defending Verdun ipon the northwest. Bethincourt is one nile and a half due west of Forges. The text of the communique follows:

"In the Argonne some efforts made b the chemy to occupy a mine crater Haute Chevauchee have been repulsed. "Our artillery has continued its bom-bardment of the enemy's lines of com-munication. To the west of the Meuse, protected by an intense bombardment, the Germans have advanced, using liquid gas, along the railway to the outskirts of Regneville.

"Three violent attacks by a force num-bering a division (20,000 men) were launched by them at the same time upon Hill No. 255, which they succeeded in capturing despite heavy losses inflicted upon them by our artillery and machine guns.

"We hold the villages of Bethincourt, and Hoqueteaux, to the east of Corbeaux Forest and Cumieres on Core De L'Oie (Cloose Hill).

artillery duel continued very the artillory duel continued very actively during the night to the east of the Meuse, in the region of Bras and Hardaumont, as well as in the Woevre in the sector of Freenes, and the villages at the foot of the hill.

the foot of the hill."
The capture of Forges, on the west bank of the Meuse, cost the Germans bank of the massed troops which assaulted the French positions were caught in a cross fire of artillery and were mowed

lown in heaps by machine guns.
(Forges lies on elevated ground, one nile west of the Meuse River. It is 614 uiles northwest of Verdun and 315 miles to be north of Fort Marre, one of the principles. oal works defending Verdun on the north

Stretching south of Forges along the hills which flank the Meuse are strong French positions supported by an enormous amount of artillery, which has been kept playing incessantly upon the German troops as they attacked north-east of Verdun. In Champagne the Germans are again

driving against the Rheims-Verdun Rail-way, and furious attacks have been made against the French positions around Maisons de Champagne. This is part of the general scheme to throw a ring of troops around Verdun and cut the fortress

with its army off completely.
"In the Woevre plain, east of Verdun, the big gun duel has continued with no

abatement of its intensity. German troops that captured Forges, northwest of Verdun, suffered heavy losses from their own poison gases, says a dis-patch from the front. This was the first time that asphyalating furnes had been used by the Teutons in their attacks used by the ? around Verdun.

PARIS ADMITS GERMANS' CAPTURE OF POSITION

Forges Taken After Heavy Bombardment West of the Meuse

following communication was is-

sued by the War Office last night; "West of the Meuse, after a violent bombardment which lasted the whole morning on the front between Bethincourt and the Meuse, the Germans launched a strong attack against Forges, situated on our advanced line. In the course of a very lively struggle they succeeded in taking possession of the village. Several attempts to debouch on Cote de l'Ole (Goose Hill) were checked by our counterttacks, which drove the enemy back into

[While there has been a heavy artillery battle on the west bank of the Meuse ever since the Germans bekan their drive on Verdun three weeks ago, this is the first infantry fighting of any importance. The Ger-man line here had been virtually stationary for rows the stationary for more than a year, run-

stationary for more than a year, running from the river about a mile to the north of Forges and then, with a slight southerly dip, westward to the Forest of Argonne, 29 miles away.

Forges is about a mile west of the Meuse and Bethincourt, about two miles southwest of Forges. The Forges-Bethincourt line, if prolonged to the east side of the Meuse, would run through Samogneux and Ornes, where some of the heaviest fighting of the first week of the Battle of Verdun occurred, and would pass about three miles north of the Haudremont-Douaumont line, where the French are now holding the German forces. Forges is six miles northwest of Verdun.1

"East of the Meuse there has been an intermittent artillery action. In the Woevre an intense bombardment has oc-curred in the region of Fresnes, but was

curred in the region of Fresnes, but was not followed by any infantry attack. West of Pont-a-Mousson our artillery caused heavy damage to the German organizations in the Bois de Jury.

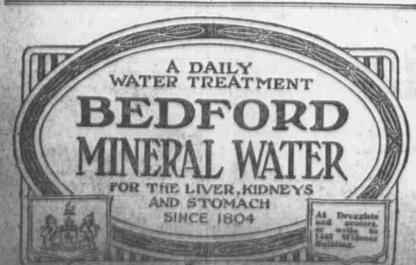
"In Champagne the Germans delivered an attack, accompanied by jets of liquid flame, on our positions between Mont Tetu and Maisons de Champagne. On our right the enemy, stopped by our barrier fires, was not able to set out from his trenches. To the left, in the region of Maisons de Champagne, he succeeded in penetrating a small advanced section. "In the Argonne we exploded in the region of Courtes Chaussees a mine which destroyed a German post and caused a vast crater, the south edge of which we organized.

"Between Haute Chavauchee and Hill

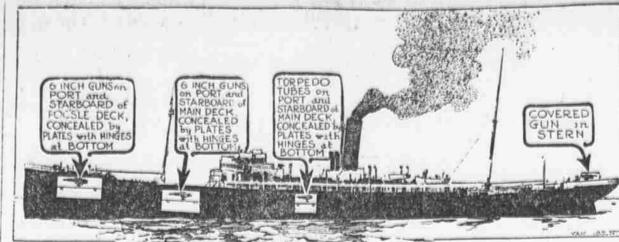
Between Haute Chavauchee and Hill "Between Haute Chavauchee and Hill 285 (on the east side of the Argonne) after having exploded two mines, the enemy, by reason of the explosion, was able to gain a foothold at several points in our first line. An engagement ensued, in the course of which we drove our adversary out of our trenches, and we occuliery has been very active in the whole tillery has been very active in the whole cupied one side of the crater. Our ar-of this sector."

Philadelphia Guardsman Promoted HARRISBURG, March 7. - Harry J

Malie, of Philadelphia, was appointed a first lieutenant of infantry and assigned to Co. A. 2d Infantry, in the National Guard headquarters, according to orders issued last night. Guy Webster Knight, Pittsburgh, was appointed first lieutenant, and assigned to Co. I, 18th Infantry.



HOW THE GERMAN RAIDER MOEWE CONCEALS HER GUNS



This sketch of the supposed converted merchant ship, which has safely returned to a German port laden with rich booty, was made by Steward Oliver, of the Appam. It shows how cunningly the raider was contrived so as to preserve a peaceful appearance.

WILSON WINS FIRST SKIRMISH IN HOUSE

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Administration leader, followed with an upassioned plea for nonpartisanship "The issue is clear cut, although some y to confuse and muddle it," he said. "If the rule is defeated you will send

Joy to foreign capitals and sinb your own President in the back. It's said this position will being war. It's whispered that the President wants war. How ridicalous—that man who has not only preached peace, but practiced peace." Representative Chiperfield, Illinois, Resublican Rules Committee member, who ollowed Harrison, said the President's olicy meant either war or humiliation.

'The man who speaks for peace is not coward or poltroon,' 'said Chiperfield. The people of Illinois are not intoxicated by profits of the ammunition trade. Nev-er will the American people shed blood except for great principles.

GARDNER APPLAUDED.

Representative Gardner (Rep., Mass.), eginning his speech was applauded by "This fight is on the previous question."

he said. "The McLemore resolution is dead if we are given a chance to vote. This rule is not a gag rule." Representative Bennet (Rep. N. Y.), who conferred yesterday with President Wilson on the submarine situation, fol-

lowed: "If gentlemen wanted a fair vote why didn't they give us the right to amend the McLemore resolution?" he asked.

GRAHAM STANDS BY WILSON Emphatically declaring that he intends to uphold President Wilson in the present crisis, Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, was the next speaker.

"The simple question before us tiow," said Mr. Graham, "is whether or not we will attend to the business that belongs to us and allow the President to attend The House broke in tumultuous ap-

In opening his remarks, Representative

Graham said:
"I rise reluctantly to speak on this subect, but do so because of a sense of duty. wish the real issue to be clearly out "A great deal has been said about

war, if this resolution is passed; about the status of merchant ships if they are armed. I want to say to you that that is aside from the issue. Diplomatic negotiations were progressing, and in the midst of them a resolution was pushed into the House and another in the Senate that would seek to mar those negotiations "The power of the President has been hampered, if not destroyed."

CRIES OF "GO AHEAD." Representative Gallaway of Texas, recognized as one of the "peace-at-any-

price" Congressmen, attempted to inter-rupt Representative Graham, but memers on the floor downed him with shouts of "No, no. Go ahead." Representative Graham continued:

"With the inference in the capitals of Europe that we are a divided House, how can the President successfully conduct any negotiations? He has requested simply an expression of opinion by the House on the question whether the House shall interfere by the adoption of this rule and the tabling of the McLemore resolution.

The time allotted to Representative Gra-am expired, but Representative Pour sam expired, but Representative Pour yielded him more time so he might com-

slete his remarks. "It is admited by the Central Powers," said Mr. Graham, "that neutrals have the rights to travel on belligerent merchant vessels. That being the case, what else could the President do than insist that they have that right?"

they have that right?

"I'm standing here insisting that the President be permitted to go on unhindered and unhampered by us."

Representative John R. Farr, of Scranton, preceded Representative Graham. Like the Philadelphia Congranta he announced that he would still by the President.

"I shall vote to table the McLemure resolution," he said, "because I want to vote in defense of the flag. Any other vote is to put a yellow streak in it and the rest of the world will so regard it. We must defend our national honor and not vote to yield or abridge the rights of American citizens."

MANN URGES WARNING.

Republican Leader Mann, near the close of debate on the rule, was given rapt attention. He said the best way to get a straight vote on a simple warning resolution was to vote down the "previous question." Mann clearly indicated his position in favor of warning Americans. "The President desires our opinion."

"Lie," Shouts Pou, Denying That Wilson Wants War

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Representative Pou, Acting Chairman of the Rules Committee, in opening the debate on the rule for consideration of the McLemore resolu-

ion, shouted:
"It has been said that the President wants war. All the imps of hell never devised a more infamous lie. The President has struggled for peace. No President since Abraham Lincoln has borne the burdens that he has. But the President is not ready to surrender the rights

"We do not express it by tabling the McLemore revolution, unless such action is construed as an invitation to Americans to travel on armed vesseis. I do not want to extend that invitation.

of American citizens under inter-

national law."

"We have not sought to annoy or interfere with the President. But he asks our belief on the subject. Let us tell him frankly and fairly that we do not desire complications which may lead to war.

This rule would give the House chance to vote on the real issue, but only o table a resolution the House would inder no circumstances agree to."

Representative Lenroot (Rep., Wis.) alled for defeat of the previous question e as to permit the House to amend the McLemore resolution. The real sentiment of the House, he said, would not be shown or warning Americans by the tabling of McLemore's resolution.

"A man who votes for tabling the reso lution and is actually for a warning is a coward," said Lenroot. He received tremendous applause from his Republican olleagues.

Representative Fitzgerald startled Der ocrats by saying he would vote against tabling the McLemore resolution. "I do not believe we should jeopardize the nation because a few foothardy per-sons take passage on armed ships," he said. He said, however, he would support

Representative Garrett, of Tennesse Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, calling Wilson "the foremost man of the world," said if he were a Republican he would not try to embarrasa the President in a matter affecting the national honor. "How long would a Government exist if t told me I could not exert a right," he

MOVE AGAINST AMENDMENTS.

Representative Garrett moved to cut off all amendments by ordering the previous question on the rule. A roar of "ayes" followed when the Speaker put the question and another roar of "noes" about as loud resulted. The Speaker said the ayes seemed to predominate. Representative Campbell demanded a rollcall.

The roll-call began under a hush of suppressed excitement.

PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION Party affiliations were erased, but the ocrats voted generally to cut off

Spectators leaned far over the gallery ralls in interest. Leaders walked nerv-Leader Kitchin voted to shut off amendments. His line-up with the Administra-tion, although not unexpected, created a buzz of comment.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Upon the first test vote, which resulted in a vic-tory for the Administration by a vote of Representative London, Socialist, voted 256 ayes to 160 noes, the Pennsylvania 256 ayes to 160 noes, the Pennsylvania Congressmen voted as follows: Ayes—Beales, Casey, Craso, Dewalt, Fair, Graham, Grelst, Kreider, Kiess, La-fean, Lesher, Liebel, McFadden, Morin, Porter, Scott, Steele, Temple, Vare. Notes—Bailey, Barchfeld, Butler, Cos-tello, Coleman, Darrow, Focht, Garland, Heaton, Hopwood, Keister, Moore, North, Rowland, Watson, Representative Edmonds did not vote. Fourteen Pennsylvania Republicans to permit amendment. So did Representa-tive MeLemore, author of the resolution. Representative Page, who announced be

the amendment.

It became evident early in the second rollcall that the Administration would win again; that the rule would be adopted.

GALLERIES FILLED.

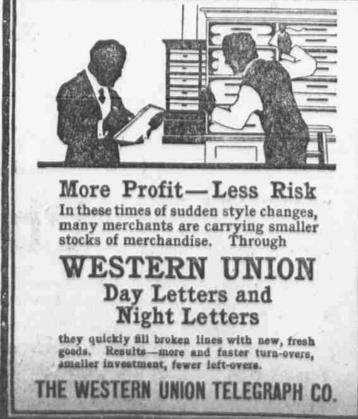
By 10:36 every sent in the Hose gal-leries, except the diplomatic and exective, was filled. Women were in the large ma-jority. Richly gowned and furred, they jostled with poorly dressed men who sought seats in the public section. Many of the women brought cruchet and embroidery work, their needles flying while waiting for the House to convene. Others brought books and magazines and newspapers. Many Congressmen were unable to get

seats for their families because of the early crush. They valuly tried to use their influence with doorkeepers. The aisles finally were filled with a solide?

By the time Speaker Clark's gavel

Talking BOUGHT

EVERYBODY'S 100 N. 16th



PREPAREDNESS TALK BARRED FROM MEETING IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL

Educational Authorities Regard Subject as "Political" and Forbid Discussion by Kensington Merchants

NOTIFY SECURITY LEAGUE

The elimination of all reference to naional preparedness at a meeting to be held tomorrow night in the Hunter Public School, Muscher and Dauphin streets, by the Kensington Merchanta' Association, has been forced by the school authorities. It is said that the explanation of the school authorities for their action was that "preparedness is a political issue" and discussion of political questions in the schools was forbidden.

George Wentworth Carr, chairman of sharply boomed the opening of the battle the speakers' bureau of the National Security League, was to have been the speaker. Mr. Carr was notified through the doorways, aisles and corridors were packed. The President's and diplomatic galleries alone were gaping vacancies in the tier of galleries. Capitol police swarmed to hold great crowds in the cor-ridors in line. S. Grossman, an attorney, who is sec-etary of the Merchants' Association, or he action of the educational authorities, the meeting will be held, minus the dis-House members assembled in little knots

ms about preparedness

on the flor and in the lounging rooms be fore the House opened in excited conver

OPENING PRAYER

The spectators pointed out Leaders

Kitchin and Mann, "Cyclone" Davis, "Uncle Joe" Cannon and other notables. Acting Chairman Pou, of the Rules Com-

mittee; Flood and the other leaders in the fray were centres of excited groups planning the campaign.

Kitchin sat next to Pou, and "Nick"

Longworth to Mann.
Highest dignitaries of the foreign diplo

stic corps were among the early arrivals Ambassador George Bakhmeteff, of Rus-sia, and Charles Symon, counselor of the Belgium Legation, were the first to take

ceats in the diplomatic gallery, and within a short time more than a score of mem-bers of the foregn colony were on hand.

Speaker Clark gaveled the House and

spectators into allence.

"This is liable to be quite an exciting day and the Chair appeals to the House and galleries to keep order," said the Speaker. He warned the galleries that he would clear them upon any demonstration.

Sherwood, Ohio, and Page, North Car-

olina, Decline Renomination

tive A. R. Sherwood of Ohio, one of the oldest members of the House, announced today that following the vote on the issue of warning Americans off belligerent ships

he would decline to be a candidate for re-nomination. He followed the example of Representative Page of North Carolina, brother of Ambassador Page, of London,

who last night notified his constituents he would not be a candidate again.

Representative Sherwood said he would

pport the Administration in his vote to lay. He declared, however, that he could not subscribe to the Administration's pre-

paredness policy and that he felt that the

VOTES WITH ADMINISTRATION

Republican Members, However, Al-

most Equally Divided

Fourteen Pennsylvania Republicans voted aye and 15 said no. Five Demo-crats were for and one against on the

member from his district.

WASHINGTON, March 7 .- Representa-

ECHO OF ARMED SHIPS TILT

TWO CONGRESSMEN TO QUIT:

members and spectators allke.

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Suppressed excitement tensed

Mr. Grossman informed Mr. Carr of the matter, who got into touch with members of the Board of Education. He was informed that the matter came under the risdiction of the Property Committee, of Only about 100 members were present when the blind chaplain, the Rev. Mr. Coudon, opened the session. He feelingly spoke of the great responsibility resting which General Edward dev. Morrell is chairman. General Morrell had been out of town, but it is planned to have a conference with him in an endeavor to have the general rule about such subjects in the schools changed.

God grant they may think of the duty of the hour," he said, "in the interests of the great republic they serve," He pleaded for "peace and harmony," It is said that several members of the Board of Education are not in sympathy ith the attitude taken toward the matter, and believe that preparednes should be discussed in the schools. Members poured into the chamber fater the prayer. A hub-bub followed while the journal was read.

Dazed, sick frostbitten footsore, cling. ing to existence. herding with others -on and on from dawn to dusk plod ten million women and children and old men-"The Home less Hordes of Ru sia," described by Richard Washburn Child who saw them-in this week's



sause of the President's plea for all neutrality.

Mr. Carr takes the attitude that the is nothing political about the presences question and believes that the major will be adjusted through conferences to the Board of Education and the submittee in charge. "I would like to have all the school the city thrown open for the discusses

preparedness. 'It is only fair that the parents of

school children should be educated na-matter, that they should know last the condition of the country's defensa be discussed in the schools.

Shortly after the war started, Dr. John P. Garber, superintendent of schools, issued orders that no phase of the war in Europe should be discussed in the schools because of the vast number of children of foreign-born parents, and before sent discussed in the schools because of the vast number of children of foreign-born parents, and before sent discussed in the schools because of the vast number of children of foreign-born parents, and before sent discussed in the schools because of the vast number of children of foreign-born parents, and before sent discussed in the schools.



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