

# RUSSIAN ARMIES MAKING STRIDES TOWARD BAGDAD

One Force Crosses Frontier While Another Is Rapidly Nearing Mosul

## TURKS TRY TO RECOVER

Many Troops Being Sent to Armenia From Smyrna and Asia Minor

ATHENS, March 15.—It is learned from a Turkish source that General Ismail Haski has been appointed Turkish Minister of War, succeeding Enver Pasha. The Turkish Legation now admits that it has received "unofficial news" to the effect that Enver Pasha has died from wounds inflicted by an assassin.

ROME, March 15.—The Russian army has almost crossed the frontier in the direction of Bagdad, according to information from a reliable source. Another Russian army is rapidly nearing Mosul, on the Tigris.

The army which occupied Erzerum has been divided into three columns. One is marching toward Trebisonda, another toward Erzingan, on the Euphrates, 100 miles southwest of Erzerum, and a third an Kharpout.

Another force which landed at Ina, on the Black Sea, has arrived before Trebisonda. The development which is to take place probably has already begun. All of these armies have been considerably strengthened and supplied with abundance of guns, large masses of Cossacks and many aeroplanes.

ATHENS, March 15.—According to Constantinople information, the Turkish Government in its endeavor to hold up the Russian advance has ordered all available Ottoman forces sent to the Russian frontier.

The greater portion of the Turkish army from Thrace, Smyrna, the coast of the Sea of Marmora and from Asia Minor, is being sent to Armenia.

A statement received there says that on account of fears that the Turkish army at Erzurum, on Lake Van, is being cut off from Asia Minor and Mesopotamia, the Turkish Government is contemplating the withdrawal of the Bagdad army and sending it to Asia Minor.

## RUSSIANS CLAIM PROGRESS IN ATTACKS ON RIGA FRONT

Continue to Force Back Turks in Caucasus

LONDON, March 15.—Renewed artillery activity on the Riga sector of the eastern front is reported by the Russian War Office in a statement issued yesterday. The statement follows:

There has been heavy fighting southwest of Lake Babit, on the Riga front. On a sector of this front one of our detachments entered an enemy trench, bayoneted the occupants and returned without loss.

Southeast of the village of Podkamen and on the middle Strypa sector of the front our patrols continue their operations with success against enemy posts and have made further progress.

In the Caucasus our troops continue to force back the Turks.

The German statement says: On the Dnieper and on the Bessarabian front Russian attacks have been repelled.

## Peary Urges "Two-Ocean Navy"

NEW YORK, March 15.—A "two-ocean navy," one formed of battle cruisers of the largest, swiftest, most heavily armed type, was urged by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary in his speech at the Sphinx Club dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria last night.

Bulgaria to Raise New Loan

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—A new 5 per cent war loan is shortly to be issued by the Bulgarian Government, according to the Deutsch Tageszeitung.

## The War Today

French troops, by an effective counter-attack, have captured several enemy trenches on Hill 265, northeast of Verdun, the Paris War Office announced this afternoon.

French troops hold Bethincourt, Dead Man Hill and the Cuniciers Wood, says the statement, revealing that the French have lost Corbeaux Woods.

Austria declared war on Portugal.

Italians resumed the offensive on the Isonzo on a large scale with notable successes on the Sabotino slopes, between San Michele and San Martino del Carso and eastward of Monfalcone.

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Amsterdam dispatches said Germany would not abandon or modify U-boat warfare on armed merchantmen.

## U-BOAT WARFARE WILL NOT BE DROPPED, SAYS REPORT FROM BERLIN

No Postponement of Attacks on Armed Merchantmen, According to Denial Sent to Amsterdam

## PEACE RUMORS SPURNED

AMSTERDAM, March 15.—An official statement telegraphed from Berlin today makes absolute denial of fresh rumors that Germany plans to abandon or postpone the new submarine war on armed merchantmen.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg assured Reichstag leaders at yesterday's conference that he would not undertake discussion of peace terms at the present session of the Reichstag, according to Berlin advices today.

Notwithstanding this statement, it is rumored Doctor Liebknecht, militant Socialist, will attempt to interpellate the Government regarding peace.

BERLIN, March 15.—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg faces a revolt in the Reichstag on the submarine issue, members of the von Tirpitz party showing bitter hostility over the concessions granted to the United States. Doctor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, has returned from the General Headquarters in connection with the illness of Admiral von Tirpitz, the Minister of Marine, which, the newspapers say, has created an unusual sensation.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs of the German Federal States is to meet today under the presidency of the Bavarian Premier. Neither the Chancellor nor Prussia is represented on this committee, which meets occasionally as a sort of control board of foreign affairs of Germany.

It is known that the Chancellor will deal chiefly with the marine question and German-American relations, and the explanation likely to be a clear exposition of his determined policy of opposition to ruthless submarine warfare on England, regardless of consequences.

This meeting is awaited with the keenest interest by both the champions of the Von Tirpitz policy and the supporters of the Chancellor's compromise in respect to submarine warfare. The Centre parties, as well as the National Liberals, are known to be in favor of an unfettered submarine campaign.

That a determined effort will be made by the Von Tirpitz faction to make the question an issue in the Reichstag is indicated, among other things, by an open declaration by Ernest Bassermann, the leader of the National Liberal party. He says: "The fact must be clearly expressed there that our nation is unwilling to allow the weapons of submarine warfare to be wrested from its hands by America. Our experience and power in the future are at stake in this frightful war. We shall win it if with ruthless war energy we employ all the means at our disposal. Consideration of feeling and sentimentality have today no justification."

The Tagliche Rundschau says it sincerely hopes that Herr Bassermann will introduce a resolution to this effect in the Reichstag in the name of all the civic parties.

## UNA RIDOTTA NEMICA E' ATTACCATA E PRESA DALLA BRIGATA REGINA

Un Irresistibile Assalto alla Baionetta Annienta la Resistenza Austriaca nella Zona di San Martino

## TOBLACH BOMBARDATA

ROMA, 15 Marzo.

Il generale Cadorna ha ripreso in grande l'offensiva sulla fronte dell'Isonzo e la battaglia di Gorizia, che era stata sospesa per diversi mesi durante l'inverno, e' stata riaccesa con grande violenza. Il Ministero della Guerra ha sospeso il servizio telegrafico dalla fronte, annunciando pero' che la sospensione sara' molto breve ed e' stata resa necessaria dalle esigenze militari.

La battaglia, che si annuncia di grandi proporzioni e violentissima, e' ancora alla sua fase iniziale, ma intanto progressi sono stati fatti dalle forze italiane e di notevole importanza anche ed il lavoro dell'artiglieria di Cadorna e' stato di una straordinaria forza distruttrice. Intanto ieri sera il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava il seguente comunicato ufficiale: "Nella Val Lagarina (valle dell'Adige) l'artiglieria nemica si e' mostrata attiva nella zona di Rovereto, danneggiando luoghi abitati. La nostra artiglieria ha disperso gruppi di operai militari nemici tra Sava e Levico, nella Val Sugana (valle del Brenta), ha distrutto opere di difesa del nemico sulle alture di Vat Cordevole e nella zona della conca di Cortina, ha bombardato colonne di vettagliamento nelle vicinanze della valle del Biadene di Landro ed ha bombardato la stazione di Toblach.

"Lungo la fronte dell'Isonzo le piogge torrenziali e la nebbia hanno ancora ostacolato l'opera della nostra artiglieria ed hanno reso piu' accentratu l'impraticabilita' del terreno. Nonostante questo la nostra fanteria ha ripreso con successo i suoi attacchi contro le posizioni nemiche, specialmente sui fianchi del Sabotino, tra San Michele e San Martino del Carso e ad est di Monfalcone.

"I risultati piu' importanti sono stati ottenuti nella zona di San Martino dove, dopo una violenta preparazione di artiglieria, la brigata Regina si lancia' ad un attacco alla baionetta e conquistò una forte ridotta facendone prigionieri coloro che la occupavano. Nello stesso tempo sulla loro sinistra altre unita' nostre attaccavano e distruggevano le linee nemiche nelle vicinanze della chiesa di San Martino.

"A sud-est di San Martino noi abbiamo conquistato la posizione detta Dente del Croviglio, che e' il centro della difesa nemica.

"In complesso noi abbiamo fatto 54 prigionieri, di cui cinque ufficiali, ed abbiamo preso al nemico due mitragliatrici."

Il comunicato ufficiale austriaco conferma in sostanza quanto dice nel suo rapporto il generale Cadorna, dicendo pero' che tutti gli attacchi degli italiani sono stati respinti con gravi perdite.

Notizie giunte oggi dalla fronte dicono che l'offensiva italiana sull'Isonzo continua con crescente violenza, tanto che gli austriaci hanno dovuto abbandonare parecchie posizioni avanzate. Tre divisioni austriache che erano state destinate alla fronte francese per aiutare i tedeschi operanti nella zona di Verdun hanno ricevuto ordine di rimanere nel Tirolo. Lo stesso comunicato austriaco dice che gli italiani operarono sette attacchi successivi nella zona di San Martino del Carso, appunto dove la Brigata Regina conquistava ieri l'altro la ridotta di cui parla il rapporto di Cadorna.

Un telegramma da Londra dice che nella Camera dei Comuni il segretario di Stato sir Edward Grey, rispondendo ad analogo interrogazione, rifiuto' di rivelare a quali condizioni l'Italia aveva accettato di firmare il Patto di Londra, impegnandosi a non concludere separatamente la pace con l'Austria ed i suoi alleati. Sir Grey disse che non era nell'interesse del pubblico fare queste rivelazioni in questo momento.

Come e' noto l'Italia aderì nell'autunno scorso al Patto di Londra a cui poco dopo aderiva anche il Giappone.

Il ministro d'Austria a Lisbona ha chiesto al governo portoghese i suoi piani operativi, e si aspetta che lo stato di guerra sia tra breve dichiarato anche tra il Portogallo e l'Austria, come esiste tra il Portogallo e la Germania.

I RUSSI VERSO BAGDAD.

Informazioni giunte qui ed attinte a fonte autorevole dicono che le forze russe operanti dalla Persia hanno quasi passato la frontiera turco-persiana a nord-est di Bagdad sulla strada che porta a questa importante citta'. Nel tempo medesimo un'altra armata russa si avvicina rapidamente a Mosul, sul Tigri.

L'armata che opera 'giu' contro Erzerum si e' divisa in tre colonne, una che marcia contro Trebisonda, un'altra verso Erzingan, sull'Euphrate, ed una terza su Kharpout. Un'altra colonna che sbarco' ad Ina, sulla costa del Mar Nero, e' gia' giunta davanti a Trebisonda, e probabilmente la manovra avviluppante contro le forze turche e' gia' stata iniziata. Recentemente tutte queste armate russe sono state rinforzate e rifornite abbondantemente di cannoni e di munizioni, di aeroplani e di numerosi e grandi reparti di cavalleria caucasica.

A Berlino si sente l'allarme circa l'attacco della Rumania, specialmente per il fatto che i generali Averescu, Cotescu e Presan sono stati in questi giorni nominati comandanti delle tre armate che formano l'esercito rumeno in tempo di guerra. I tre generali devono assumere i comandi in data del 14 Aprile prossimo venturo. Nel tempo medesimo le notizie che giungono dalla Dobruzia dicono di nuova attivita' delle forze militari rumene

in quella regione, ed a Berlino si teme seriamente un conflitto bulgaro-rumeno. Intanto l'attivita' dei partiti interventisti in Rumania va aumentando ed il popolo attende ansiosamente le notizie della lotta che si combatte a Verdun, applaudendo ad ogni successo per quanto piccolo dei francesi.

I tedeschi hanno attaccato di nuovo le linee francesi ad ovest della Mosa, cioe' a nord-ovest di Verdun ed hanno avuto successo in due punti, tra la posizione di Le Mort Homme e quella di Bethincourt. Pero' e' da notare che dietro queste posizioni avanzate francesi sorge una serie di colline in semicerchio, dell'altezza media di mille piedi, da cui l'artiglieria francese puo' far strage delle colonne tedesche che fossero lanciate all'assalto. Percio' i critici francesi attendono con fiducia il risultato di questa terza battaglia attorno alla fortezza di Verdun.

JEWES HERE PLAN REGIMENT

Jacob D. Lit Elected Colonel of Proposed Organization

Plans for the organization of a Jewish regiment in Philadelphia, in accordance with the country's general program of preparedness, were formulated last night at a meeting held at the home of Isaac Stern, 525 Spruce street. Among those present were Joseph D. Lit, A. J. Drexel Biddle, organizer of the Drexel Biddle Military Corps, and Lewis Carson, son.

The regiment will be recruited from the city's Hebrew population, many of the young men having a strong desire for military training. Recruiting headquarters will be established in the offices of the Jewish Morning Journal, 5th and Pine streets. At last night's meeting Jacob D. Lit was unanimously elected colonel of the proposed organization, which position he accepted.

The services of Mr. Biddle have been requested in view of his experience as an organizer and drillmaster. At the next meeting of the Organization Committee provision will be made for the equipment and drilling of the recruits. The regiment will be known as the "Maccabean."

Sharon Hill to Raise "Cop's" Pay

Burgess James E. Farrell, of Sharon Hill, has approved an ordinance providing for an increase of the salary of the borough policeman. Hereafter he will receive \$65 per month and fees amounting to 50 cents each for the supervision of opening of streets, erection of poles, etc.

Victim of Burns Dies

Mrs. Mary Grabenstein, of 420 Buttonwood street, died at the Roosevelt Hospital late last night as the result of burns sustained when her clothing caught fire while preparing luncheon at her home yesterday. She was 49 years old.

New Theatrical Firm for Camden

The Broadway Theatre Company, of Camden, has filed articles of incorporation in Camden to operate, manage theatres, etc., with a capital of \$100,000. The incorporators are M. W. Taylor, Thomas Jeffries and T. W. Taylor.

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