

RUSSO-RUMANIAN ASSAULTS BROKEN

Allies Start Counter-Offensive, Which Is Checked by Teutons

BIG FIGHT NEAR FUNDENI Russian Masses Hurl Themselves in Vain Against German Positions

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—A powerful counter-offensive has been started by the Russo-Rumanian forces in the Rumanian theatre of war.

The War Office today reported strong Russo-Rumanian attacks between the Carpathian and Sushitzka valleys and on both sides of Fundeni. In two places the trenches of the German allies were entered, but in both instances the Russian and Rumanian soldiers were driven out by counter-attacks, the official statement said.

In the mountains of Moldavia the Austro-Germans have captured 202 additional prisoners.

The War Office communication stated: Army group of Archduke Josef—The attacks, delivered on Monday, between the Carpathian and Sushitzka valleys remained absolutely without success.

The Rumanians who had entered our trenches were driven out by our counter-thrusts. In this fighting we captured two officers and 200 men.

Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—After violent artillery preparation on both sides of the Fundeni, strong Russian masses advanced to the attack. The storming was broken down some limited yards before our positions under our curtain fire.

In the evening the assaults were repeated. Fierce hostile detachments entered our trenches but were immediately driven out. The enemy's losses were heavy.

There have been no important operations on the Eastern front during the last twenty-four hours, the War Office stated.

The situation in Macedonia is unchanged, the War Office announced.

CZAR PREDICTS CHANGE IN BALKAN SITUATION

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Vice Admiral du Pourcet, until recently commander of the Anglo-French fleet in Greek waters, who has just returned from a special mission in Rumania and Bulgaria, quotes Czar Nicholas predicting that "in a few weeks the situation in the Balkans will begin to change."

A few days after this prediction was made, said the vice admiral, the czar issued a proclamation to the Russian army calling for war to the knife. Immediately the offensive against the German armies on the northern end of the eastern front was undertaken.

Nearly one-third of the Rumanian army was lost in the first month of the war, according to the French naval officer. In this connection he says:

"Nearly the entire Rumanian army attacked Transylvania at the beginning, turning its back upon its principal enemy, Bulgaria, and weakening itself by every mile of advance into Hungary which endangered the front. Then the Rumanians encountered the German reinforcements hurrying to the defense of their ally. Ferdinand's forces were thrown back across the frontier, losing most of their artillery and nearly one-third of their effectives."

"From now on the German armies will wear themselves out against a steady stream of Russian reinforcements."

BERLIN REPORTS FAILURE OF FRENCH ATTACK

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—An attempt by French detachments to penetrate German positions near Bouvignies, on the western front, was repulsed, the German War Office reported today.

The artillery fire in certain sectors has been livelier during the last twenty-four hours.

The text of the official report follows: An attempt by French detachments to enter our positions near Bouvignies, south of Boye, was frustrated by the garrison defending the trench. Otherwise the fighting activity on both sides has been within moderate limits, except the artillery fire has been livelier.

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The men took the course at the Woodside car barn between sunset, and as they were paid for the time, the course was popular. The first batch took its degrees yesterday.

Jacob Miller, Philanthropist, Dies Jacob Miller, eighty-four years old, of Jacob Miller, Sons & Co., shirt manufacturers, died this morning at his home, 1715 North Eleventh street, after an illness of several weeks. He was the father of William W. Miller, theatrical manager, and Mrs. Louis Wolf, wife of the banker. His other sons, Charles and Simon Miller, also survive him.

ALLIES DECIDE TO OUST GREEK KING FOR DUKE

Cousin of Victor Emmanuel Will Get Constantine's Throne, Rome Says

ROME, Jan. 16.—It is understood that King Constantine of Greece will be deposed and an Italian prince, a relative of King Victor Emmanuel, will be placed on the Greek throne. This decision is said to have been reached at the recent conference of the Entente leaders here.

This action, according to report, has full approval of the Venizelos faction, and will be carried out under the leadership of the former Premier. The Duke of Aosta, cousin of the Italian King, has been chosen for the succession of the king's brother-in-law, but has not yet accepted.

The Duke of Aosta comes of a family of kings. Victor Emmanuel II of Italy was his grandfather, Humbert I of Italy was his uncle, Victor Emmanuel III, the present Italian ruler, is his first cousin. His father, Amadeo, Duke of Aosta, became by election—for a short and stormy season—the King of Spain.

For a number of years the dazzling vision of the Italian throne itself was held before the duke's eyes. While his cousin the present Italian monarch, was still the Prince of Naples, his health became so impaired that the duke was looked upon by Italy as the heir presumptive to the throne.

That this alluring hope came to naught was a bitter disappointment to the Duke of Aosta. He always been said in Europe. The duke was Helene of Orleans, daughter of the late Count of Paris, and was one of the most beautiful women of the European nobility. Her wedding to the duke took place in England twenty-two years ago, at a time when his prospect for a kingdom appeared the most happy.

In the present war the duke has proved himself an intrepid general. Even before Italy had entered the European struggle, he had been one of the first to place himself at the command of the Minister of War. He led the Italian army in its drive on Trieste in August of last year. This advance swept across the Carso Plateau, and before it Gorizia fell.

The Duke of Aosta is fifty-two years old. His mother was a member of the famous Flemish house of Medici, and from her he inherited a large fortune.

A great part of his income has been cut off since the Germans occupied Belgium, in which country he owned coal mines and estates that yielded an income of \$300,000 a year. He is an enthusiastic horseman, and like his brother, the Duke of the Abruzzi, has been an eager and extensive traveler.

The Duchess, like her husband, is enormously wealthy. She is a younger sister of the former Queen of Portugal and a sister of the Bourbon-Oriental pretender to the French throne. She became estranged from her husband when his prospects of ascending the Italian throne began to grow dim, and this fact is said to have been the incentive for her spending much time in Africa, hunting big game. During the Turkish-Italian war in Tripoli she distinguished herself as a Red Cross nurse.

The Duke and Duchess have two sons, Prince Amadeo, born in 1892, and Prince Haymon, born two years later.

AMERICANS REBUILDING WRECKED FRENCH TOWN

Two Women Will Spend \$100,000 in Reconstructing Vitrimont, Ruined by Germans

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN LOHRAINE, Jan. 16.—Two American women are rebuilding a village that they are Mrs. William Crocker and Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco. The town is Vitrimont. It will cost them about \$100,000, of which \$50,000 will eventually be repaid them by the French Government.

Vitrimont will be the first town in war-torn France to be rebuilt—and it will be rebuilt from the humblest home to the town hall by these two American women, after special permission obtained from the Government.

Vitrimont is one of a score of towns in Lorraine destroyed by the armies of the Crown Prince of Germany and Bavaria, who burned and destroyed more villages than all of the other German armies in France combined. Before the war it contained about seventy houses. Of these thirty-five were razed by fire or bombardment. All houses suffered some.

The complete restoration of the entire village has been undertaken by Mrs. Crocker and Miss Polk.

EARN \$68,000 IN YEAR

Schooner Offered for Sale at \$35,000 Turns in Good Profits to Owners

When the schooner Frances M. docks here this morning from Buenos Aires she will have earned her owners \$68,000 in less than a year. Only a year ago this vessel was offered for sale at \$55,000, but there were no buyers at that price. The vessel is now valued at about \$75,000, according to the present tonnage market. This vessel is another instance of the remarkable increase in value of floating property during the last year. Of the \$68,000 which she earned, about \$50,000 is profit.

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House Provides Funds to Keep Mail Tubes

Continued from Page One appropriation bill in a different light. It was recalled that a week ago, while the bill was under consideration, it was said that Mr. Burleson intended to provide motor transportation of the mails, even if Congress should appropriate the money for the tubes.

Representative Moon, Tennessee, chairman of the House Postoffice Committee, who framed the Postmaster General's bill, asserted positively that the mere appropriation of money for the tubes would not insure their operation.

He pointed out the fact that a commission of the Postoffice Department had investigated the need and practicality of the tube service. He said that New York was the only city for which this commission favored the tubes. In view of that fact, he said, Mr. Burleson could only invite bids for tubes for New York.

"We would not specifically direct the Postmaster General to continue the operation of the tubes in the four cities where he favors their abandonment," said Representative Moore, "because anything along that line could be knocked out by one member making the point of order that it was 'new legislation in an appropriation bill.' We did succeed in appropriating the money 'to continue' the pneumatic tube service."

The action of the House was greeted with general approval today among business men in this city.

"I had always felt that Congress would act in the way that the House has already acted," said George E. Bartol, president of the House.

"Mr. Burleson, I was sure, would not change his mind, but I was anxious regarding Congress. I was certain that the business interests of the largest American cities would have a favorable hearing."

"We should gratefully acknowledge the help which we received in this fight from men of other cities. Philadelphia is a Republican city and, of course, in a Democratic administration a Republican voice is not always received with great welcome. But from Chicago and New York, where they have Democratic Congressmen, we received most valuable cooperation."

John O. K. Scott was the only Philadelphia Congressman not present to vote for the appropriation bill. Mr. Moore led the fight for Philadelphia's interests.

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Si Dice che il re Costantino Sara' Deposto, Conforme a Decisioni Prese a Roma

ATTACCHI IN MACEDONIA

Rumeni e Russi Prendono l'Offensiva e Ricacciano Indietro il Nemico per un Miglio

ROMA, 16 Gennaio.—Sembra assodato che il re Costantino di Grecia sarà deposto e che un principe italiano, parente del re Vittorio Emanuele, sarà messo sul trono ellenico. Si dice che il re Costantino è stato deposto dalla recente conferenza di Roma tra i capi dei governi alleati.

Secondo le voci che corrono, questa azione da parte degli alleati ha avuto piena approvazione da parte del parlamento greco. Nella conferenza di Roma si discuteva sulla direzione appunto dell'ex presidente del Consiglio greco.

Il duca d'Aosta è stato scelto come successore di re Costantino, ma egli non ha ancora accettato.

Il duca d'Aosta, come è noto, è un principe di primo grado del re Vittorio Emanuele, essendo figlio del principe Amedeo fratello di re Umberto. È stato ufficiale d'artiglieria, nella quale arma ha compiuto la sua carriera fino a divenire comandante d'armata. Attualmente, e fin dal principio della guerra contro l'Austria, egli comanda la terza armata italiana, che opera sulla fronte da Gorizia al Carso. L'armata che prese Gorizia e conquistò tanta parte del diffidatissimo Carso. Sempre sotto gli ordini del generale Cadorna, egli dirige ora la manovra che deve portare gli Italiani a Trieste. Il duca ha 32 anni di età. È figlio della prima moglie del principe Amedeo, principessa Maria dal Pozzo della Cisterna, e sposò la principessa Elena d'Orléans, sorella del pretendente al trono di Francia e della ex regina del Portogallo, Amelia. Ha due figlie, Isabella e la principessa Aimée, nata nel 1895, ed il principe Aimone, nato nel 1898. Il duca è ricchissimo, avendo con i suoi fratelli conte di Torino e duca degli Abruzzi, ereditato e meritato milioni di lire.

Intanto un telegramma da Atene dice che la potenza dell'Intesa, a mezzo del ministro d'Italia, hanno presentato un'altra nota al governo greco insistendo nella accettazione incondizionata di tutte le domande contenute nella nota precedente e facendo rilevare che la risposta data dal governo di re Costantino a quella nota era equivoca.

Il ministro di Atene si ritiene che il governo, pur mantenendo le riserve che non vi siano la piena accettazione dell'ultimatum, è pronto a ripetere queste assicurazioni categoriche come si desidera. Le forze alleate intanto hanno occupato l'isola di Cerigo, che appartiene alla Grecia. Questa mossa è stata evidentemente suggerita dalla necessità di eliminare tutte le basi di sommergibili tedeschi.

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partita dalla necessità di eliminare tutte le basi di sommergibili tedeschi. Qui corre voce che il generale von Falkenhayn, che comandava le truppe austro-tedesche operanti nella Transilvania, è giunto a Larissa per conferire con re Costantino di Grecia. Si ritiene qui che scopo di questa conferenza sia quello di mettervi d'accordo per la cooperazione della Grecia con le potenze centrali.

SULLA FRONTE ITALIANA Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

Sulla fronte di Trentino le nostre batterie hanno disturbato movimenti di truppe nemiche nel settore compreso tra la valle dell'Adige e quella dell'Altopiano.

Sulla fronte delle Alpi Giulie l'artiglieria nemica ha mostrato aumentata attività contro le nostre posizioni ad Arco, Bolzano e sul Carso. Le nostre batterie hanno risposto vigorosamente, dirigendo il loro fuoco sulle linee di comunicazione del nemico.

Telegrammi da Salonicco dicono che negli ultimi giorni si sono avuti vivaci combattimenti sulla fronte macedone. Nel settore di Monastir i tedeschi hanno lanciato una controffensiva, e a quanto afferisce Berlino sarebbero riusciti a ricacciare i serbi al di qua del Cerna. Nella zona del Lago di Ocrida le truppe francesi hanno attaccato le posizioni austriache, ma Berlino dice che l'attacco è stato respinto. Anche la fronte italiana, a nord-ovest di Monastir, è stata assoggettata a violenti attacchi, ma le linee italiane non sono state scosse dall'attacco. Si crede che i tedeschi contino di attaccare presto tutta la fronte della Macedonia.

In Rumania invece la situazione è migliorata. Le truppe russe attaccarono vigorosamente il nemico nella giornata di ieri sulla fronte del Sereth mentre i rumeni attaccavano su quella del Carpazi. Su di una settore, quello di Kasino, i tedeschi sono stati ricacciati indietro per oltre un miglio. I tedeschi avevano nella giornata precedente attaccato il centro rumeno nella speranza di conquistare la ferrovia che unisce due linee principali, ma l'attacco era stato respinto.

SOUTH AMERICAN SAILING Fourth Ship of New Line to Leave Next Month

The fourth ship, the D. N. Luckenbach, will sail from this city to South American ports on or about February 20, according to officials of the new Philadelphia, South American Steamship Line.

It had been said by officials of the company that the service would be discontinued owing to the failure of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to obtain business for the line. It was planned to withdraw the ships from this port this month, but business interests urged the company to give shippers here one more opportunity. The Luckenbach is a 3000-ton ship, and if it receives the proper support, officials of the company assert the line will be continued.

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