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TURKS' FLIGHT FROM KUT NOW **SERIOUS ROUT**

British Push Relentless Pursuit of Foes-Capture 4300 Prisoners

GERMANS HALT RETREAT

LONDON, March 2. The Turkish retreat from Kut has become s great rout, according to official dispatches

om the Mesopotamian front today. Pursuit is being continued by the victorious British forces out of Kut. The statement said the Turks, in great confusion, had passed through Aziziyah on Tuesday and that since February 23 4300 Turks had been taken prisoners by the British.

STRUGGLE FOR BAPAUME The Germans have halted their retreat before Bapaume, at least temporarily. In a series of sharp combats before the Teuton stronghold yesterday the Germans held up the advance of the British force approaching Bapaume from Thilloy, German artillery was turned loose from the creats behind Bapaume and the advancing British lines were raked with machine gun fire from the outskirts of the town itself. The latest report from the War Office makes no mention of the operations directly in front of Bapaume and records only a ly in front of Bapaume and records only a

comparatively slight gain north of Mirau-mont. Some military critics took the view today that the Teuton commanders are forming their lines for the defense of Bapaume and will retreat no further, but the general impression here is that Ba-paume will be in British hands before the die of next week. COUNTER-BLOW LIKELY

of that the German retirement mashing blow by Hindenburg against the British front found support in many circles today. The Times asked, editorially if the German tactics of shortening their lines may not disarrange British plans for a spring drive. In the House of Commons, Henry W. Forster, financial secretary of the War Office, declared he believed Hindenburg was shortening his lines so he might gather men for a great blow.

BRITISH ATTACKS FAIL. BERLIN REPORT SAYS

BERLIN, March 2. Hand-to-hand fighting was the feature of German repulse of British attacks on nches east and southeast of Southez, today's official statement asserted. Between Ypres and Arras, the War Office said, sevwere without result.

The text follows:

Between Ypres and Arras several reconnoitering advances of the enemy remained without result. Lively fire. Strong English detachments launched against our trenches east and south east of Souchez were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting. Twenty prisoners, with one machine gun, remained in our

In the Ancre sector there were repeated clashes in the forefield of our positions. There, and during the clean-ing out of English nests near Sailly. thirty prisoners and three machine gun brought in.
the French front, in several

local enterprises south of Nouvron our thrusting detachments brought some prisoners from the second hostile trench.

GERMANS BEAT BACK FIVE RUSSIAN ATTACKS

BERLIN, March 2. Charging five times, the Russians at-tempted to recapture heights ten miles north of Val Putna road, on the northern Ru-manian frontier, but were repulsed with considerable losses, the War Office an-nounced today. The official report also and a Teutonic success on the east bank | for court.

MOKING TOBACCO

GOOD colt

1 driven too

young is a good hoss ruined. A

good tobacco

moked too 'young" is a good smoke

Socialist Calls German Peace Offer Hypocritical

THE Cologne Gazette contains a re-port of a bitter attack on the Government by George Ledebour, Social Democratic leader, in the Reichstag. Herr Ledebour denounced the Government's policy of annexation and criticized the "emptiness" of the German peace offer and the demand for a war indemnity, which he char-acterized as unrealizable. He protested against the deportation of Bel-gians and Poles and also the proclamation of a Polish kingdom, which he termed a "most glaring and fla-grant contradiction of the people's right to decide for themselves."

Declaring that the intention was to place a German or Austrian king on the throne and thereby chain Poland to the Central Powers, Herr Ledebour said:

"You do not want a free Poland at all. Indeed, you do not look as if you could free any one."

of the Narayovka, where one Russian office. and 170 men were captured. The official statement follows

Prince Albert's front—West and South of Riga and between Miadziol and Naroez Lake and on the Shithalia and between the Sereth and the Univerter, temporarily, fighting activity has be-come lively. On the east bank of the Narayovka the advance of our storm-ing detachments had full success in Russian positions. Mine shafts were blasted and one officer and 170 of the ranks were captured and three machine guns and three mine throwers were

Archduke Joseph's front-The Russians, charging five times with considerable losses, tried to recapture heights north of the Valputna road. The attacks all broke down before our posi-

The situation on Field Marshal von Mackensen's front and on the Mace-donian front is unchanged.

PETROGRAD, March 2. German pressure forced Rumanian de-fenders of a height occupied yesterday near Rekoza, on the Jacobent-Kimpolung high road, to withdraw, today's official statement

MAY SELL SHELLS TO U. S.

British Government Withdraws Objections to Contract With Hadfields

WASHINGTON, March 2 .- Great Britain has withdrawn her objection and made known her permission for Hadfields, Ltd., an English munitions concern, to contract with the United States navy for armor-piercing shells of the fourteen and sixteen

Award for projectiles totaling more than \$5,000,000 was made recently by Secretary Daniels to Hadfields, but canceled later when the British Government asked the company not to proceed with the work so long as "the exigencies of war continued." Information that the objections had been withdrawn was received today from Ambassador Page.

SEEK ARMY INSTRUCTOR

Lafayette College Officials Start Military Training Course EASTON, Pa., March 2 .- The executive

columittee of the board of trustees of Lafayette College have taken action for making a request to the War Department to detail an officer to give instructions in nilitary training at this institution. is the last step in the procedure so far as the college is concerned.

The movement was started by the enlist-ment of 350 of the institution's students. The faculty unanimously voted to make the military training a recognized course. The trustees have, through the executive committee, now given their consent to the ar-rangement, and it is hoped that by April 1 the course will be in full swing.

Girl Arrested When About to Elope HAZLETON, Pa., March 2. — Charged with taking \$45 from her home and attempting to clope with a man whose name she refused to divulge, Hannah Baker, seventeen years old, was arrested as she was buying new clothes at a store here. She was held

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best that's in it-by

two years ageing in

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ageing makes tobacco, until you've smoked

some Velvet.

wooden hogsheads.

TWO AMERICANS LOST, SAYS CABLE

Consul Frost's Report Tends to Confirm Earlier Report

DIE IN BARK SINKING

Donaldson Liner Tritonia Also Torpedoed Without Warning

WASHINGTON, March 2. An official dispatch from Consul Prost at Queenstown tending to confirm the report that two Americans were lost in the torpedoing of the British barge Galgorn Castle, Buenos Aires for Queenstown,

reached the State Department today. Another message from Frost told of the inwarned torpedoing of the Donaldson liner Tritonia, Halifax for Liverpool, in a light attack, but reported that one Ameran aboard was saved.

Consul Frost's messages follow: British bark Galgon Castle, Queenstown, from Bucnos Aires, cargo maize, attacked by submarine 4:30 p. m. Feb-ration of Bull Rock. Four Americans of whom two missing believed lost. Wilof whom two missing believed lost, Wil-ham Jackson, 19 Beach street, New York, aged nineteen; David Walker, negro, Greene County, Virginia, aged about thirty. Americans saved, Henry Merritt, Beaver Falls, Pa., and Harry Elchardson, 62 Hanover street, Boston, both white. All Americans able sca-

The Donaldson freight liner Tritonia. 2845 tons. Halifax to Liverpool general cargo and horses, torpedoed without warning 11:35 p. m. fifty miles west of Dingle February 26; two men missing from crew of sixty.

Sole American, John Murphy, engineer sayed

neer, saved.

Weather heavy, westerly swells, dense darkness, light south breeze, no light showing. Master saw torpedo approaching ship striking starboard now. San abandoned thirty minutes, but did not sink. Boat stood by until Admirally patrol arrived, 5 a.m. Towed her until 7.59 h.m., when sank. Submarine never sighted. Mate's boat not heard from, believed lost. Captain's boat rescued by sea boat Charing Cross. Weather heavy, sea breaking, strong southwest wind, misty rain beginning at dusk. Boats were in imminent danger, submarine offered no aid. Ship carried neither gun nor wireless. No Weather heavy, westerly swells, dense carried neither gun nor wireless, attempt to escape.

Mayor Orders Delay of Report on Transit

Continued from Page One

an increased tax rate. He declared that had private capital been permitted to de-velop transit facilities, the \$65,000,000 voted for tht purpose could have been devoted to the improvement of wharves and general

"After I was elected," said the Mayor in his address, "I was invited by Mr. Blanken-burg to visit him at his office. He warned me of many pitfalls in my path and said the most serious problem which would confront me would be that of transit. He called that problem a hot poker, which I would have to handle carefully. Now, I have never felt it was a dangerous matter. The people voted upon it and I am going to carry out the will of the people. The line up Broad street to Olney avenue will be built or I will burst in the attempt to

"There was a time when I doubted the wisdom of extending that line beyond the point originally specified by Mr. Taylor, but the judgment of the people is good enough for me

ward their completion. The question of the lease is purely one of business. You men will have as much to say about it as any one, for i propose to place all the reports and information before you and before Councils I believe the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company will accept what we offer, and if they refuse we still have a few cards left. My great desire is to work out an agreement fair to the city and to the com-

CALLS FOR GRAFT PROOF

Reading Mayor Demands Newspaper's Evidence Against Police

READING, Pa., March 2 .- Following the publication of an unsigned communication alleging that keepers of dives are paying the police \$20 to \$50 monthly for protection, Mayor Filbert took steps to compel the production of proof,

In an open letter issued to the publisher of the newspaper, William McCormick, Mayor Filbert calls on the latter to furnish the name of the writer and to put the Mayor in possession of information regarding possession.

when Mayor Filbert took office strict warnings to every patroiman and higher officials were issued. The Mayor threatens instant dismissal of any official on proof of graft, and prosecution as well.

AMERICAN LOSSES ON THE SEA DUE TO SUBMARINES AND MINES

WASHINGTON, March 2. TWENTY-THREE American ships have been attacked, twelve have been as a construction of the war, according to official statistics available today. The casualties are exclusive of those resulting from sinking or attacks on British ships, such as the Lusitania and Laconia. The list follows: Particulars. Casualties.

Name. Elvelyn	Casualties. 1 Spaniard. 2 test 1 American	Particulars. Struck mine, lost Struck mine, lost
		Struck mine, lost
		Torpedoed
Nebraskan	None	Injured by torpedo attack
Leelanaw	None	Sunk by submarine
	None	Struck mine; lost
Communipase	None	Fired on by subma- rine; proceeded
Petrolite	1 wounded (not American)	Attacked by Austrian submarine; proceed- ed
Seaconnet	None	Damaged by mine or torpedo
Gold Shell	None	Damaged by mine
	None	Fired on by submarine
	6 injured	Sunk, probaby by mine
	None	Sink by submarine
	None	Sunk by submarine
Galena	None	Fired on within 3-mile limit
Chemung	None	Sunk by Austrian sub- marine
St. Helen	None	Attacked by submarine
	None	Fired on by submarine
Sacramento	None	Fired on by submarine
Westwego	None	Stopped by sumarine; undamaged
Housatonie	None	Sunk by submarine
Lyman M. Law	None	Sunk by submarine
	Evelyn Carib Garenbrier Guiflight Nebraskan Leelanaw Helen W. Martin Communipaw Petrolite Seaconnet Gold Shell Oswego Kansan Lanao Columbian Galena Chemung St. Helen Rebecca Palmer Sacramento Westwego Housatonic	Evelyn Carib

WILL REDUCE DEMANDS OF STATE'S BUREAUS

State Economy and Efficiency Committee Asked to Aid Ap-**Propriations** Committee

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2.—The State Economy and Efficiency Commission has been requested to co-operate with the appropriations committee of the Senate and House to decide how the exorbitant demands of several State Departments can be pared down.

The departments have asked for ap proximately \$25,660,666 more than they received two years ago. The estimated inome of the State for the next two years is placed at \$75,000,000, if the proposed iew revenue legislation is enacted.

The demands of the various departments of the State Government are considerably higher than they have been at any time. For instance, the State Highway Departent requests an additional \$12,000,000 the Department of Labor and Industry says it requires an extra \$1,000,000, giving future of the Workmen's Compensation Board as their principal excuse; Dr. Samuel

G. Dixon, head of the Department of Health, declares that he ought to have an additionat \$2,500,000; the Department of Education, which is treading on the heels of the Highways Department in the size of its demand upon the State Treasury, wants \$2,000,000 more than it was voted two years ago; and the Department of Agriculture, for which Governor Brumbaugh has a very kindly feeling, is also to the fore, with a request for an extra \$2,500,000 allowance.

Unless the Governor's attitude toward the requests made by the several departments undergoes a change, it is believed that the public schools and the "good roads" movement will come in for the largest measure of increases to be approved not only by the Economy and Efficiency Commission, but also by the Augmentations Commission, but also by the Appropriations Committees of both branches of the Legislature. The Legis-lature of 1915 reported requests for ap-propriations aggregating \$70,000,000 and the judgment of the people is good enough for me.

"It appears that some people imagine the lines will all be built in a month and that the city will be plunged into a financial muddle. We have formulated our plans carefully and conservatively and we will make progress. I want it understood that when I feel that the people who voted for the lines want them, the Public Service Commission should not retard progress toward their completion. The question of the

aware of the fact that the State needs better highways and better "little red schoolhouses." and the leaders of both fac-tions of the Republican organization in both branches have pledged their support to any legislation that will give these demands

It has been estimated by the financial directors of this Legislature that about \$75,000,000 will be required for the next two years, if any comprehensive program that will benefit the State schools and roads is carried out. The leaders of both factions are pledged to this program, and they will urge a revenue program that will meet the demands up to an extent that will not exceed the estimated \$75, It has been estimated by the financial that will not exceed the estimated \$75, 000,000.

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3 OF 'CREW' CAPTURED

'Cruise" Ends When "Craft" Strikes "Reef" of Mud and Cop Appears

A "pirate" automobile that ran afoul a reef" of mud on Island road after a victim had "walked the mudguard." was captured early today with three of the "crew." But the booty disappeared with a fourth alleged "buccaneer."

The "cruise" began at Twelfth and Market streets at midnight when Joseph Sands. of Bloomsburg, and four chance acquaintances hired a touring car. Two hours later at Seventy-ninth street and Island road Sands's companions robbed him of several hundred dollars in money and jewelry and

hundred dollars in money and jeweiry and dumped him "overboard."

At Seventy-seventh street the automobile, marconed in the mud, tied up a trolley car, attracting Mounted Policeman McKenna. Sands, who had dug himself out of the mud where he fell, appeared on the scene and demanded the arrest of the quartet. McKenna grabbed two, who said they were Joseph Contardo, 507 Queen street, and Edward Hoffman, 1022 Wallace street. The others ran. An hour later Joseph Eltinge, of Troy, N. Y. was arrested in a trolley car hear the spot. The police are looking car near the spot. The police are looking for the man with the booty.

AMERICANS' FLIGHT HALTED

Orders to Naval Vessels Received in Time to Keep 1000 From Beirut

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Ambassador Eikus, at Constantinople, notified the State Department that he was informed of the orders to the Des Moines and Caesar not

to proceed from Alexandria, Err Pal-stine just in time to prevent to parture of nearly 1000 Americans Jerusalem to Beirut, where they we board the naval vessels. A large number of these Americans and other effects and made every preparation for leaving for the coast upon a previous notification from Ambassador Elkus to proceed as the coast upon a previous notification from the coast upon a previous no



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