

EDWIN GOULD IS KILLED TRYING TO CLUB A COON.

Son of New York Millionaire Was Hunting With Lone Companion in Georgia.

Munswick, Ga., Feb. 25.—Edwin Gould, Jr., was instantly killed while hunting coons with a lone companion on Lathan's hammock near Jekyl island early today. Reports here from Jekyl island tonight say that young Gould was shot while attempting to club a coon with the old style hammer shotgun that he used in preference to the new hammerless guns. The discharge of shot entered a groin when, it is believed, the hammer of his gun caught in a part of his clothing. Death was instantaneous.

The body was brought first to Jekyl island and then to Brunswick and was started for New York this afternoon in the private car "Dixie," attached to a regular train. Edwin Gould, who was spending this winter on Jekyl island, was at St. Augustine when the accident to his son occurred. He hurried to Savannah where he met the train bearing the body and proceeded with it to New York.

Mr. Gould, who was 23 years of age, went from Jekyl island to Lathan hammock in a canoe last night with Noyes Reynolds, of New York. When Mr. Reynolds saw that Mr. Gould was shot he hurried to Jekyl island in a canoe and summoned help. On the return Mr. Gould's lifeless body was found. The body was at once brought to Jekyl island.

Gould and Reynolds, who had set out in their canoe about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon intending to spend the night hunting coons, traps for which had been set in many parts of the hammock, a Gould game preserve some two miles from Jekyl island. After walking for some time over the island, Gould and Reynolds came upon one of the traps in which a large coon was struggling, held fast by one foot. Gould struck the coon across the head with his gun, holding the barrel in his hands, it was said. The first blow was not sufficient and the hunter struck again. It was the second blow, according to reports here, that was followed by the discharge of the gun which was loaded with bird shot. The entire discharge took effect in the hunter's groin.

Reynolds, who was within a few feet of where Gould fell, rushed to his side, but before he could do more than give temporary aid, the young hunter had died. Reynolds hastened to the beach and paddled back to Jekyl island for help in bringing the body over. Many persons here familiar with young Gould's methods of hunting said he was accustomed to carrying his gun cocked. It was thought that the weapon must have been cocked when Gould used it as a club.

PREVENT TURKS FROM GIVING AID TO ALLIES.

British Operations in Far East Having Definite Effect on General Situation.

London, Feb. 22.—The present British operations in the far east are having a definite effect on the general situation by preventing the Turks from sending forces to join their allies on the European fronts, according to Gen. F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly review of military movements, given to the Associated Press. "Our recent operations at Kut-el-Amara and on the Sinai peninsula," said General Maurice, "are having an important bearing on the general situation by reversing the conditions prevailing last year, when our failures gave the Turks a chance to send troops to their allies on the eastern front. The conditions are now reversed. The Turks are not only unable to dispatch reinforcements to Europe, but are compelled to draw on their available resources to enable them to hold their positions in the Kut-el-Amara and Sinai fields of operation.

"General Maude, at Kut-el-Amara, has been making a wide swing with his left, pivoting on his right, which remains stationary at Sannayyat. His advance has been steady, resulting in the taking of line after line of Turkish trenches, followed by the successful action at Dehra, when the big bend in the Tigris was cleared of the enemy. We are now in a position to invest Kut-el-Amara.

"On the right, at Sannayyat the Turks occupy a narrow front protected by the river on one flank and by a marsh on the other, so that a few machine guns can play havoc with an attacking force. Therefore our advance there may be held up for some time.

"In the Sinai region we have been successful in clearing out several spots that the Turks attempted to re-occupy.

"Feeling the necessity of at least holding their own at Kut-el-Amara and Sinai, the Turks have stopped troop movements toward Europe and are sending all possible reinforcements to the threatened points.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS ARE ARRIVING IN SALONIKI.

Talk is General of Pushing Through This Spring.

Saloniki, Jan. 26. (Staff correspondence of Associated Press)—New troops, especially large Italian contingents, are arriving every few days in Saloniki, to reinforce the entente allied armies. The talk here is general of pushing through this spring the offensive planned for last spring, which the German attack on Verdun prevented.

No well informed allied officers in the Macedonian theater of war expects any serious attack upon Saloniki by the Germans. Danger of attack from the south by the Greeks was never taken very seriously by the military experts, and as the Greek army now is in the Peloponnesus an attack by King Constantine's soldiers is removed from the list of possibilities. In view of these circumstances, the continued arrival of important reinforcements in Macedonia is taken throughout Greece to indicate preparation for an early offensive designed to cut the German line of communications from Berlin to Constantinople.

In Macedonia today there are roughly, about 80,000 French, 100,000 British, 10,000 Russians, some 80,000 Serbians and perhaps 80,000 Italians, counting the latest arrivals, a total of about 350,000 fighting men. To this number may be added three regiments of Greeks, constituting the Venizelist army.

General Sarrail has frequently stated that he considers a half million men would be requested before active operations can begin in Macedonia. There are, therefore, 150,000 bayonets still to come before an offensive can be undertaken with fair prospects of success. Officers of the allied transportation staff asserts that this number of men can be landed in Saloniki in six weeks at a pinch. Venizelos on his arrival at Saloniki declared that he would be able to inauce 100,000 Greeks to follow him against the Bulgarians. Today, the entente military attaches in Athens state that they have no further hope of securing military aid of any value from the Venizelists.

Of the original French and English contingent accumulated in Saloniki for a spring offensive a year ago, between 20 per cent, and 30 per cent, had to be invalided home, mostly suffering from malaria. To replace these the men who were sent were principally those who had been fighting in the Somme or at Verdun and were in need of rest.

The British reinforcements were in good physical trim, but the Greeks used to Macedonian fighting, consider the British equipment both heavy and complicated for mountain work. The Serbs, who resemble the Greeks in equipment, training and style of fighting, are regarded as capable of making the best comparative showing. Their numbers, however, are limited, and their field of operations confined to the re-conquest of their own country.

Much is expected of the new Italian troops, with their Alpine training and their knowledge of mountain warfare. Not only are large contingents being landed in Saloniki, but the forces accumulating in Avona and Greek Epirus are advancing eastward to effect a juncture with General Sarrail's line before any offensive is undertaken.

Congress Will Decide Britt-Weaver Contest.

Asheville, Feb. 23.—After listening to the testimony of witness after witness in the Britt hearing, now being conducted, wherein Mr. Britt's attorney is seeking to build up a case that will give Mr. Britt the seat in Congress, for which Zebulon Weaver holds a certificate, the impression grows that as the next House is organized, so will the value of marked and unmarked ballots be determined in the seating of a Congressman from the Tenth Congressional District.

The mass of evidence already taken by the attorneys for Mr. Britt would lay the foundation of a respectable library, and there is more much more, to come. It is openly stated that no overworked congressional committee will ever find time to wade through the mass of testimony and will be forwarded to Washington, and after all, the question will be fought out before the House. A. M. Dillingham, Democratic register at Haw Creek, said that there were no unmarked ballots at his box, but that he refused to sign returns as a member of the canvassing board because the board counted unmarked ballots for Mr. Weaver and did not count them for Mr. Britt.

Rank Foolishness.

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effective and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

RESPONSIBILITY FALLS UPON OWNERS OF SHIPS.

Says an Official German Statement Concerning Destruction of Dutch Boats.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—Via Sayville, Feb. 25.—An official statement with references to the sinking of the Dutch steamers by a German submarine is given out through the medium of the Overseas News agency as follows:

"According to telegrams received from Holland, on February 22, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, several Dutch ships were destroyed which, with the agreement of Germany, wanted to leave the barred zone in a westward direction from Falmouth and Dartmouth.

"In answer to this, it is stated in authoritative quarters that after the declaration of the barred zone, Dutch ship owners asked the British authorities to permit 33 steamers lying at Falmouth and Dartmouth, of which 20 were loaded with grain for the Dutch government, to proceed out of the barred zone, which were still there after the expiration of the time fixed (Germany), February 5.

"The German authorities agreed to this, making an exception in order to let the 20 cargoes of grain reach the Dutch government, but the condition was added that the ships ought not to sail later than midnight February 10. In this way the ships would have been able to leave in all safety the barred zone within the extended time, which was known to all submarines, and the termination of the period, February 12-13.

"The Dutch ship owners accepted this offer, but were for unquestionable reasons unable to get their ships out of the English ports within the allotted time. They renewed their request for permission to sail later and were informed that the vessels could leave Dartmouth and Falmouth either, in full safety on March 17 or, with only relative safety, on February 22 by an indicated route.

"Eighteen of the ships decided to sail on February 22 traveling together. Word reached Berlin on February 16 of this intention, and thereupon the ship owners were expressly informed that unconditional safety could not be granted as there was no certainty that all the submarines engaged in the waters to be traversed would receive the wireless order. At the same time it was insisted that outside the indicated course no guarantee whatever would be given with respect to the danger of mine s.

"Apparently eight ships finally took upon themselves the risk of the trip. If the Dutch news is correct that these eight ships were destroyed, one is said to have struck a mine near the English coast, while the other seven on the afternoon of February 22 were destroyed on the course indicated, it is to be deeply regretted, but the responsibility falls upon the ship owners, who preferred to send their ships under only comparative security on February 22; instead of waiting until March 17, at which time full safety had been promised.

"The report of our submarines has not yet arrived."

Quarterly Conference for Ararat Circuit to be Held at Hatcher's March 17-18.

Saturday, March 17, 10 a. m. to 12 o'clock.
Song service, by Sunday Schools.
Devotional service, P. E.
Report on General State of Church, by P. C.
Report of Charge Lay Leader, G. M. Wilson.
Song, Sunday Schools.
Reports from Sunday schools, Supts.
The teacher and the class, F. M. Gates.
Duties of the Sunday School Supt., by T. L. Brim.
The Family Altar, D. G. Smith.
Revival Work, J. M. Nester.
The Local Preacher's Opportunity, by Rev. J. L. Gunnel.
Social hour, dinner on the ground.
1 o'clock to 3 P. M.
Song service, Sunday Schools.
System in church finance, W. G. Lewis.

What should be the attitude of the Church toward the Church member who is able to contribute to the support of the Church, but refuses to do so? E. R. White.
The Bible and the Tithes, J. D. Wall.
Song, Sunday Schools.
Our Conference Collections—What? Collections in full, Our motto, G. M. Wilson.
The place of Methodist Literature in the Methodist home, P. C.
Sunday, March 18th.
9 a. m. Love Feast, behind closed doors.
Sunday school and sermon, followed by The Lord's Supper.

The speakers named above, will lead the discussion with short talks on subjects assigned, which will be followed up by a general discussion, participated in by all.
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