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DID TURKS TURN BACK?

Reports That Two Army Corps, Learning of Fall of Erzerum, Flew Instead of Reinforcing Others—Asquith Asks For Another Great Vote of Credit—England Calls Young Bachelors to the Colors.

(By Associated Press.)
The rapid advance of the Russian forces in Armenia, following the fall of Erzerum is complicating the task of the Turks in their effort to reform their scattered forces.

From Russian headquarters in the Caucasus come the report that two Turkish army corps which were on their way to reinforce the garrison at Erzerum turned back when they learned that the fortress had fallen. Assuming the accuracy of this report the Turks in eastern Armenia have lost the prospect of important help in extricating themselves from what appears to be a perilous position.

Unofficial accounts of the Russian movements record advances both to the south and north, in the former direction toward Diarbekr and the Bagdad railroad, fifty miles beyond and in the latter in an effort to cut off the retreating Turkish forces which have been operating along the Black sea coast.

Petrograd dispatches indicate definite results early except from the movement from the north where another Russian force is working along the Black sea coast in the direction of Trebizond toward which the Russian forces from Erzerum also are pushing. Far reaching results would follow the success of the Russian thrust toward the south, it appearing that the cutting off of the Bagdad railroad would sever communication with Syria and point to a possible close co-operation with the British down the Tigris river from Bagdad in the operation for the taking of that city.

Premier Asquith today presents to the British parliament motions for two new votes of credit aggregating \$20 million pounds, calculated a finance the war to the end of the current year, March 31, for which purpose 120 million pounds is needed and with the remainder to begin the new fiscal year with ample funds.

Great Britain has called to the colors class one of recruits under the military service act, comprising the youngest of bachelors. The calling up of the single men is now completed.

The Russian Duma, which was prorogued on September 16th, last, has been summoned to meet again tomorrow.

Berlin reports a raid by German naval aeroplanes which dropped a number of bombs on the British aviation camp at Furnes, near the North sea.

London Hit By German Bombs.
London, Feb. 20.—Four German aeroplanes today made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement made this evening. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded. Considerable material damage was done.

The official communication says: "Two of the bombs that fell down over the east and southeast coasts at noon today.

"The first raiders, two biplanes, appeared over Lowestoft at 10:55 a. m., and circled over the south side of the town for five minutes and dropped bombs. In about five minutes they rose to a great height and seemingly vanished. At 11:10 a. m. the two seaplanes were again over the town and then vanished eastward again.

"Altogether seventeen small high explosive bombs were dropped. There were no casualties. Considerable damage was caused to the outbuildings of a restaurant and to two dwelling houses. Two naval seaplanes went up at 11:05 a. m., and pursued the raiders, but without result.

"Meanwhile two other German se-

GIVES STEEL PREFERRED FOR BRIDGE PRIZES



MRS. E. H. GARY.

Mrs. E. H. Gary, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, became tired of the customary prizes given at bridge whist parties. Her friends had won so many of the same kind that their homes were littered with duplicates. So she thought of the steel stock in the corporation of which her husband is the guiding spir-

it. Then she went out and bought seven shares of the preferred, each of which cost her \$117. Her friends who were lucky enough to win carried home these certificates. Now New York society has a new idea. Some members of it are going to dip down in their trunks for a lot of green and gold mining stock they bought several years ago.

Planes were making for the Kentish coast. The first passed over the Kentish Knock Light vessel, dropping bombs in that vicinity at 11:20 a. m. The last raider made straight for Waimor, reaching that town at 11:27 a. m. Flying less than 2,500 feet, it dropped six bombs and turned sharply to the east.

"Two of the bombs that fell destroyed roofs and broke windows in the neighborhood. One of them fell close to a church, blowing in the windows as the congregation was singing 'Te Deum.' A third bomb fell on a roadway running along the beach, killing one civilian and injuring one marine.

"The total casualties were two men and one boy killed and one marine injured.

"Two of our aeroplanes, which went up from Dover, pursued the raiders but apparently could not overtake him."

PENFIELD PRESENTS AMERICAN NOTE.

Ambassador to Austria Asks for Explanation and Investigation of Attack on the Petrolite.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 21.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna today cabled the State Department that he had presented the American note asking for an investigation and explanation of the attack on the American tanker, Petrolite, near Alexandria several weeks ago and that he had been promised a prompt reply. It is said at the State Department that the reply would probably give a basis for future negotiations.

REPORTS MORE ENCOURAGING.

Workers in the Flooded District are Getting to the Sufferers Now.
New Orleans, Feb. 21.—With four steamers actively engaged in rescue work and a number of flat boats at work, with more under construction reports coming in from the flood districts are more encouraging.

Reports from Newton state that a number of searching parties are carrying food supplies to the back country and that the search for people in the back district goes on. The people are being reached more rapidly by the use of the boats.

SUBMARINE ISSUE WITH GERMANY STILL GRAVE

The Fact That Assurance is Not Given of a Repetition of the Lusitania Disaster Causes Concern Among American Officials.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 21.—State Department officials today said they considered the submarine issue with Germany still in a grave state, because the Lusitania agreement in the light of the new announcement of the submarine policy of Germanic powers contains no assurance for the future. The situation created by the announced intention of sinking armed merchantmen without warning after February 29th, officials said, was still in the abstract and was being considered as such but that the Lusitania agreement itself as it now stands already treats of the past and although gives all in that respect for which the United States has contended officials do not feel that it clearly guarantees against such another disaster, because while it refers at the outset to the assurances that German submarines would not sink liners it does not reiterate them.

ARMY REORGANIZATION BILL.

One is Tentatively Agreed Upon by the House Military Committee.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 21.—A new army reorganization bill providing for the federalization of the national guard, the increase of the regular army to 134,000, doubling of the seasoned artillery, the increase of the engineering corps by about 15 companies, the creation of four new squadrons of aircraft, and of an entire new corps of cadets from the colleges having military training was agreed upon tentatively by the House military committee today.

ROBBERY AT LANDIS.

Hardware Store Again Entered and a Number of Articles Carried Off, Including Guns.

Some time between Sunday night and 10 o'clock and this morning at 1 o'clock robbers entered the store of the Landis Hardware Company at Landis by taking a glass from the front door. A number of articles were carried off, including several guns, some pistols and razors. The sheriff was notified at once and left Salisbury at 2 o'clock for the scene. He worked until noon today in an effort to obtain a clue but was unsuccessful.

This store has been entered several times recently.

ANOTHER P. O. S. OF A.

Camp Organized at Boston's School House With Twenty-Five Charter Members.

Another new camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America has been organized in Rowan county, this last one being formed at Boston's school house, in China Grove township. It has twenty-five charter members, and Mr. P. G. Cook, of Concord, one of the State organizers has arranged for the initiation of the charter members Wednesday night.

Buy Your Tickets Early.

A special request comes from the management of the Fathers and Sons and Mothers and Daughters Suppers that the guests thereof buy their tickets early. This is of great service to those in charge of the affairs. There is only a limited number that can be sold as the room will not seat a very great number. Get your tickets now at Man's Pharmacy or at Saleeby's. Splendid programs are being prepared—full of fun as well as earnestness.

FOREST FIRES IN N. C.

(Special to the Post.)
Hickory, N. C., Feb. 21.—A special to the Record from Le-poir states that forest fires are raging near Mt. Mitchell, Grandfather mountain and in the Brushy section. Considerable damage is feared, although snow fell heavily in those sections Friday night.

GET READY FOR THE MEETING.

If you are interested in the road to Badin, in the free bridge across the Yadkin river, attend the meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tomorrow night. These two projects will help Salisbury very much. We all agree on that. The thing is to get them.

The Badin road is practically assured through Rowan. Not much trouble will be experienced in this county, but we must encourage and help the Harris township people get their road to the Albemarle township line. No matter how much interest you have your interest will not amount to a thing unless you energize it. Start helping to work out a few good things for Salisbury this year by attending the meeting—Tuesday evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Our people are to a unite agreed that there should be a free bridge where there is now a toll bridge across the Yadkin river. Again, let us remember that a silent wishing for a free bridge will not get it. With a bit of earnest patient work we can get it. All will be benefited and no one hurt by such an accomplishment.

All Salisbury and Spencer ought to attend this free bridge-good road meeting which ought to start something definite. It is tomorrow evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

GENERAL GALLIENI IS A GREAT WORKER TO BECOME CANDIDATES

He Gets Up Early and Goes to Work—Great Energy and Vigor Put to Severe Strain.

Paris, Feb. 19.—General Gallieni's great vigor and energy are being put to a severe strain in the War Office. He begins work at 5 o'clock in the morning and keeps at it all day notwithstanding his 67 years, with all his application, he finds the day's work is never finished when night comes.

To say nothing of the responsibility of conducting the French military operations, he has to receive frequent visits from a considerable number of the 600 deputies and 300 senators; he has to attend meetings of the Cabinet, participating in the deliberations of the French War Council and of the Allies' Combined War Councils; he is summoned before the War Committee of the Chamber and War Committee of the Senate two or three times a week to give information regarding the progress of the war, and he has to attend sessions of the Chamber and Senate on every occasion when military questions are discussed, and frequently to reply to one or two interpellations by members.

All that would be insufficient to exhaust Gallieni's energy, but he has in addition to reply either from the Speaker's stand in the Chamber or through the Journal Official to all sorts of questions posed in writing by members of Parliament. These questions occupy from a dozen pages upwards every day, covering the widest imaginable range of subjects. The Minister of War, of course, does not personally conduct that correspondence, but since the reply engages his responsibility as Minister, he must in each case know that the information is exact.

"You force me to follow a profession that is not mine," General Gallieni said in a recent debate from the speaker's stand of the Chamber in a moment of pathetic despair. The profession to which he referred was that of debater and of general intelligence agent for the benefit of the deputies. On a single day the Minister of War was interrogated 119 times. The following specimens give an idea of the range of questions:

"How many buildings were requisitioned for use as hospitals before October 1st, 1915; how many have been requisitioned since October 1, 1915; how many hotels were there among them?"

"Why are daily reports of officers in charge of hospitals sometimes signed by head nurses?"

"If such and such a paragraph of such and such a section of such and such a chapter of such and such a law was applied in such a case; if so; why? If not, why not?"

"If it is true that in certain hospitals the patients of the same ward are allowed to take the air only twice a week and in squads of only six at a time, and why?"

"Why in some sections of the army do men sleep with their clothes on?"

Such cases have done more than anything else to call the attention of the public to the impositions that certain members of parliament make upon the minister's time. It has developed a decided current of opinion in favor of measures to put a stop to it. One proposition favored by the adjournment of the session of the President under the powers conferred upon him by the Constitution of 1875.

ROAD TO BADIN GOOD CONDITION AT THIS TIME

SALISBURY PEOPLE OVER THE ROAD FIND IT GOOD CONDITIONED.

INTEREST GROWS DAILY

The Good Roads Spirit is Growing Daily—Interest Along the Line of the Salisbury-Badin Road—Meeting will Be Held on Tuesday Evening to Talk Roads—Many Will Be There.

Salisbury people who drove over the road from Salisbury to Albemarle and Badin report the road in pretty fair condition. The dry weather of the past week has had a good effect on all roads, but the reverse all but puts them out of commission. The most of the road between this city and the Albemarle capital is naturally pretty good road. The ridge is followed much of the way, and the road properly laid off, drained and constantly scraped would mean a fair road all the year round.

A good many folks are down the river today. This is the date for the big auction sale of properties of the Power City Investment Company and this event has attracted visitors from far and near. Today's paper tells of further activities in real estate opening up down there. A track of land owned by Salisbury people will likely be offered at an early day. Considerable interest is centering around this road to Albemarle and Badin. The Post hears every day or two some expression of general interest in the road, all of which indicate that the people are thinking of its condition and interested in better things.

No doubt there will be a large interest shown in this matter through an expression tomorrow night at the chamber of commerce meeting. Fine weather argues for fine roads and the more the travel the bigger the demand for a good road and the better the road the more will people be encouraged to use it. This is strongest sort of argument for the Salisbury-Badin road.

TO DISCOURAGE TRESPASS.

Southern Railway Issues Statistics to Show How Trespassers on Road Were Killed During the Year Past.

Washington, Feb. 21.—In the effort to discourage the dangerous custom of trespassing on its property, Southern Railway has prepared some interesting statistics in regard to the 146 trespassers killed on its tracks and trains during the fiscal year 1915.

Of these fatal accidents, 99 occurred in country districts and 47 in cities or towns.

Of the victims: 79 lived near the scene of accident, 45 lived far from it, and the residence of 22 was unknown; 82 lived at home with family or parents, 32 did not, and 32 unknown; 133 were male and 13 were female; 73 were white and 73 colored; 133 were married, 62 single, and 34 unknown; 50 were without occupation. 43 were unskilled laborers, 12 were skilled laborers, 1 was a professional man, 2 were merchants, 1 a clerk, 1 a housewife, and 36 unknown; 35 were regularly employed at the time of accident, 70 were not, and 41 unknown; 93 were walking on track, 35 "stealing ride" on trains, 3 killed by other accidents, and 15 unknown; 2 were under 5 years of age; 6 between 5 and 10, 12 between 10 and 15, 28 between 15 and 21, 42 between 21 and 30, 22 between 30 and 50, 10 between 50 and 60, 10 between 60 and 65, 6 over 65, and 8 unknown; 22 were intoxicated at the time of the accident 94 were not, and 30 unknown.

These figures show conclusively that the great majority of these lives uselessly sacrificed were of useful citizens, they were equally divided between the races, men greatly predominated, and there was a wide distribution as to age and occupation.

During the year 1914 on all the railways of the United States, 4,746 trespassers were killed, 826 lost one limb, 172 lost two limbs, and 5,941 suffered other injuries.