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## TURKISH ARMORED CRUISER MEDJIDIEH IS SUNK BY MINE

Petrograd Announces Warship of Porte Destroyed by Explosive Off the Russian Coast.

### AN AMERICAN-BUILT CRAFT

English Steamer City of Bremen Sent to Bottom by Submarine in English Channel.

### FOUR OF THE CREW DROWNED

LONDON, April 4.—The sinking of the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh is reported from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram company. A semi-official communication from Sebastopol to Petrograd says that the Medjidieh struck a mine near the Russian coast last night and went down.

### One of Black Sea Fleet.

The Medjidieh was a member of the Turkish Black Sea fleet which has attacked Russian ports on several occasions and sunk Russian vessels. On January 31 it was announced at Petrograd that the Medjidieh, formerly the German cruiser Brenlau, had been discovered near Samson by the Russian fleet, but escaped.

The Medjidieh was an American built ship, having been laid down in Philadelphia in 1902. It was 331 feet long and forty-two feet beam and had a displacement of 2,432 tons. It was armed with two six-inch guns, eight 4.7-inch guns, six three-pounders, six one-pounders and two torpedo tubes. Its complement was 362 men.

### City of Bremen Sunk.

LONDON, April 4.—The steamer City of Bremen of Dublin has been sunk by a German submarine off Wolf Rock, in the English channel, about fifteen miles south of Land's End, Cornwall.

Four members of the crew of the steamer were drowned. Twelve survivors have arrived in Penzance.

Available shipping records do not contain the name of the steamer City of Bremen of Dublin.

## British War Vessel Fails to Land Men, Says Constantinople

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.—(Via London.)—The following official communication was issued today:

"No changes have taken place in the Dardanelles or the other theaters of war. On March 31, a British cruiser boarded the borough of Mowlish, at the head of the sea, on the Helles coast, and attempted to land troops. After being repulsed, the cruiser returned the next day and renewed the bombardment for five hours, damaging some houses.

"The enemy again attempted to land troops, but was repulsed by our troops and volunteers. The cruiser then retired. There was no loss of life on either side. Some hostile mine sweepers made an attempt to approach the straits of the Dardanelles today, but retired before our fire. Two warships which protected them unsuccessfully bombarded the straits from afar and then retreated."

## China Agrees to the Japanese Demands

PARIS, April 4.—A dispatch to the Temps from Peking says:

"The Chinese-Japanese negotiations, according to reliable information, have been concluded. The Chinese government agrees to extend the Port Arthur lease for ninety-nine years. It recognizes also that Japan has all the rights in Shanghai, previously belonging to Germany, and conditions are laid down that Germany shall never have the right to acquire colonies or spheres of influence in China."

## Three Men Perish In Richmond Storm

RICHMOND, Va., April 4.—Three persons perished today in the storm that swept Richmond and the surrounding country with a blanket of snow and practically cut the city off from communication with the outside world. C. P. Moxley, a merchant, J. R. Chenault, and Charles H. Beedle, encountered a live wire borne down by snow, and were killed.

## The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	.....	46
6 a. m.	.....	46
7 a. m.	.....	46
8 a. m.	.....	46
9 a. m.	.....	46
10 a. m.	.....	46
11 a. m.	.....	46
12 m.	.....	46
1 p. m.	.....	46
2 p. m.	.....	46
3 p. m.	.....	46
4 p. m.	.....	46
5 p. m.	.....	46
6 p. m.	.....	46
7 p. m.	.....	46

Comparative Local Record.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.
Highest yesterday	46	43	53	74
Lowest yesterday	46	33	37	54
Mean temperature	50	38	45	64
Precipitation	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	.....	46
Excess for the day	.....	0
Total deficiency since March 1	.....	134
Normal precipitation	.....	56
Excess for the day	.....	0
Total rainfall since March 1	.....	1.62
Excess since March 1	.....	0
Deficiency for year period, 1915	.....	112
Excess for year period, 1914	.....	1.47

## EASTER REFLECTS SPIRIT OF SPRING

Day of Days is One of Sunshine, and All Omaha Turns Out to Worship and Go on Parade.

### SPLENDID MUSIC IN CHURCHES

Omaha yesterday gave fitting expression to all of the spiritual and material associations of Easter Sunday, the "day of days." The weather was fairly propitious and the religious spirit was general, while all shared in the joys of the return of spring. The city was bathed in a flood of sunshine during the morning church hours and then clouds obscured the sun, but did not deter the Easter parades, who took advantage of the balmy afternoon.

Early morning services in some of the churches were well attended and the regular morning services were devoted to the special program for the day. Flowers, music and birds helped to bring out the Easter spirit, and catkins pealed forth a message to the children of men. Evening services were likewise celebrated with song and sermon.

Many on Parade. To inaugurate the spring fashion season, women, from seven to seventy, took advantage of their privilege to appear in hats and garments of the latest styles. Little girls were happy in their new ribbons and laces and older maids and matrons went forth like creatures fresh from some magic box. It all symbolized the newness of things, the rising up of the new from the old, the beginning of the new life, the beginning of another springtime.

The afternoon found automobiles in plentiful evidence along the more inviting roads and boulevards. Many dined out, taking advantage of the special Easter dinners offered at the hotels and cafes.

### Music is Splendid.

The choirs of the various churches brought to a close a hard week of service. It might be said that the church music of the city this Easter season has exceeded all previous seasons. The musical programs as a rule were of a decidedly high quality, showing that Omaha's musical talent is something to which the city may point with pride.

## British and American Flags Are Violated By Carranza Troops

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The United States government has renewed its protest to General Carranza to obtain respect for foreign flags recently violated at Matamoros, asking that he instruct his officers there to afford protection to foreigners and their interests.

In the first note sent to General Carranza, a consular report was transmitted stating that the British and American flags had been violated by Carranza troops. The facts were denied by Carranza, and additional data has now been laid before him at Vera Cruz with reference to the request made in the first communication. To this no reply has been received.

A dispatch was sent to General Carranza today calling his attention to the indiscriminate firing by his troops on the oil tanks in the vicinity of Tampico, 100,000 barrels of oil already having been lost as a result of perforations made by bullets penetrating the tanks.

BROWNFIELD, Tex., April 2.—Intricate rifle firing from the Carranza trenches in Matamoros at this outpost continued today. Major General Frederick G. Funston and a party of American army officers witnessed part of this firing from the American bank of the river, about 150 yards from the western end of the Carranza trenches, which were well filled with men. The shooting apparently was without effect.

## Grand Jury Indicts Fifty-Seven Persons

FAIRFIELD, Ill., April 4.—Indictments against fifty-seven residents of Sims, Ill., were returned by the Wayne county grand jury today, after a week's investigation of the dynamiting of a church and other acts of vandalism commonly attributed here to a controversy between wet and dry factions.

The grand jury experienced much difficulty in obtaining witnesses, and later in inducing them to testify freely. Many witnesses expressed fear of retaliatory measures by the vandals. The names of the persons indicted will not be made public until after their arrest.

## BRYAN MAKES A "LONG" TALK—ACROSS THE U. S.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—After pressing the key that formally opened the Press club building in the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds at San Francisco Secretary Bryan spoke to the members of the San Francisco club over the telephone, which directly connects the exposition building with the National Press club in this city. Later members of the two clubs exchanged greetings for half an hour over the transcontinental telephone wire.

## CHANGE OF RUSSIAN GENERALS ANNOUNCED

PETROGRAD (Via London), April 4.—General Alexiev has been appointed commander-in-chief of the army of the northern front in place of General Ruzsky, who retired recently on account of ill health. Since 1908 General Alexiev has been chief-of-staff of the Kiev military district.

## SAFEGUARDING THE SOLDIER'S HEALTH—British medical corps testing drinking water furnished the troops in France.



## GREATER OMAHA IS THEIR MAIN THEME

Legislators Say Many Good Words for Metropolis and Future of the United Cities.

## NEBRASKA ALSO A GREAT STATE

A few dozen members of the legislature stayed over for Sunday, following the banquet at the Hotel Fontenelle Saturday night. Taxis were provided at the door of the hotel at midnight to rush to the station for the 12:15 train such of the visitors who desired to go back the same night, but all were invited to remain over Sunday. Some took trains back Sunday afternoon, while others remained until Sunday evening, visiting friends in the city.

"Annexation was the principal topic of their conversation while in Omaha. Senator Philip E. Kohl of Wayne spoke patriotically of the towns now to be united with Omaha as 'sweethearts joined in wedlock.' Lieutenant Governor Pearson said, now that the legislature has given Omaha what it wants, he hoped Omaha would join in doing for the rest of the state all that it does.

"While you have a Greater Omaha," he said, "you must have a greater state, also, for without a great state Omaha could not amount to much."

Senator G. E. Sandall of York said: "While we take pride in what we have given Omaha, we look to you to lead us in commercial enterprise, not only for your own good, but for the good of all the state."

Representative J. N. Norton of Polk county spoke of Omaha as a city of which the whole state is proud, and spoke of the advantage it is soon to enjoy as a Greater Omaha.

Representative C. P. Peterson of Lancaster county reviewed the history of ill-ill feelings that existed years ago between different parts of the state, and said: "I believe we are now entering on a new chapter in the state's history—a chapter of united co-operation of the whole state for a larger destiny."

## Ten Sailors Drown Off Delaware Capes

LEWES, Delaware, April 4.—Ten seamen were drowned yesterday off the Delaware capes in the coast storm. They were members of the crews of the Consolidation Coal company's barges, No. 4 and 9, which foundered in the gale.

NORFOLK, Va., April 4.—The tug Edward Luckenbach sank off Puisse Cape yesterday. Sixteen of the crew of eighteen men are reported lost.

## GERMANS APOLOGIZE FOR INSULT TO STARS

PARIS, April 4.—The Belgian correspondent of the Journal des Debats writes to his paper that as a result of a complaint by the American consul, German officers have called on the burgomaster of Liege and made excuses for German soldiers who are alleged to have torn the American flag from the breast of a citizen the day that an American flag was being held. The German officers pinned American flags on the burgomaster and two councilors, and it is declared that the incident resulted from a misunderstanding of orders.

## LINER LOST OFF HATTERAS WITH ALL ON BOARD

Prins Maurits of Royal Dutch West Indies Company Reported to Be Victim of Great Storm.

### "SINKING FAST," LAST WORD

Everybody on Ship Supposed to Have Perished, According to Message from Rescue Craft.

### NOT OVER FIFTY ABOARD

NEW YORK, April 4.—Fears that the steamer Prins Maurits of the Royal Dutch West Indies company line had gone down, possibly with all on board, were expressed tonight in a wireless message received from the steamer Algonquin, which yesterday went to the aid of the Prins Maurits, reported in distress off Cape Hatteras.

The message from the Algonquin said the last heard from the Prins Maurits were the words "sinking fast." The Algonquin's message added: "No later news was received from it, but all hands are supposed to have perished."

### Expected to Arrive Today.

The Algonquin of the Clyde Steamship company, which is on its way to New York from West Indian ports, having left Turks Island on March 30, sent word that it expected to reach here Monday morning.

The Prins Maurits, which left New York Thursday for West Indian ports, carried only four passengers. It was commanded by Captain H. J. Vandenberg. The steamer is of 1,225 net tonnage, 253 feet long, thirty-eight feet beam and about twenty feet depth. It was built in Hamburg in 1910.

The passengers who sailed on the Prins Maurits were Mrs. F. T. Wallace of Philadelphia, Mrs. and Mrs. C. M. of Miami and Mrs. La Roche of Wilmington, Del.

Word that the Prins Maurits was in distress came in a wireless message yesterday, supposed to have been relayed by a British cruiser. It reported its latitude and longitude and asked for prompt help. Several vessels, including the Algonquin and the City of Macon, went to its assistance. No further word came from it or from the steamer that had gone to the rescue until tonight's message from the Algonquin.

Tonight's dispatch came from A. A. Jones, traveling inspector of the Royal Dutch West Indies company, who was on board the Algonquin, in response to a message of inquiry sent from the company's offices here today.

The Prins Maurits, it was said by officers of the fleet, carried a crew of from forty to forty-five men.

## Daniels and Fiske Decline to Discuss Latter's Resignation

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Both Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, aide for operations, declined to discuss the latter's request to be relieved of duty as senior military adviser in the Navy department.

The secretary said he had not determined what assignment he would give to Rear Admiral Fiske nor had he selected the chief of naval operations, a position recently created by congress.

In naval circles, the request of Admiral Fiske to be relieved as aide for operations, was the chief topic of interest. The fact that the admiral had differed from the views of Secretary Daniels in the recent hearings before congress on the preparedness against the American navy for war, was generally ascribed as the reason for his voluntary withdrawal. His written communication to the secretary gave no reason for his request.

Rear Admiral Fiske's place will not be filled as Secretary Daniels intends to appoint the new chief of navy operations within the present month.

## Numerous Filings At Belle Fourche

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., April 4.—(Special.)—Monday of this week was a record breaker for the Belle Fourche land office, ninety-four filings being received on that day. This is the largest number of filings ever received in one day at the Belle Fourche land office since its establishment in 1909.

A total of 26 original and additional homestead entries has been made at the local office since Wednesday of last week; these amounted to approximately 62,000 acres of land. As there were 30,000 acres of unappropriated land in this district at the time the 23rd act was passed, the amount already taken is but a small portion of the amount available.

Register Ross and Receiver Baxter, anticipate this rush will continue for several weeks, as so far a majority of the filings have been made by those who live near town, the roads being in such condition that those living at a distance find it impossible to get to the land office or to an official empowered to receive filings.

## MAN WHO WALKED FROM BLUFFS TO SALT LAKE DIES

OGDEN, Utah, April 4.—Thomas Burdett, a Utah pioneer, who joined the Mormon emigration from England in 1841 and walked the entire distance from Council Bluffs, Ia., to Salt Lake, died today at the age of 83 years. He is survived by 119 descendants, including three daughters, twenty-two grand children, eighty great grand children and ten great-great grand children.

## SERBS PROTEST TO BULGAR NEIGHBOR

Defenders Recapture Two of Cannon Taken by the Invading Irregulars.

### SOFIA ATTITUDE INTERESTS

PARIS, April 4.—The Petit Journal says that Serbia has protested to Bulgaria because of the invasion of Serbian territory by a force described as Bulgarian irregulars. While couched in moderate terms, the protest is said to request the arrest and imprisonment of the persons responsible for the raid.

Further details of the incident received today confirm the report that the invaders were driven away from the railroad station at Strumitsa, the Serbian town near the Bulgarian border, where the attack was made. The railway station master at Strumitsa reports that the line of Ghevghell in now clear of the raiders and apparently has not been damaged.

Pursue Irregulars. Serbian frontier guards who pursued the fleeing irregulars retook the two cannons which had been captured.

Six bodies were found in the railway station at Strumitsa. The extent of the losses inflicted upon the attacking force is unknown, but is believed to be large. Thirty bodies were found and the raiders themselves picked up and buried a number of others.

This is said to be the fifth incident of its kind since the beginning of the European war and there is much speculation in Paris as to their exact significance. It is felt that the attitude of Bulgaria on this occasion will indicate what policy it intends to pursue.

The Havas Agency received today from Nish, Serbia, a dispatch saying that the losses of the Serbian troops were sixty killed and fifty-three wounded, including five officers.

Are Driven Back. LONDON, April 4.—The Serbian legation in London received today the following official dispatch from Nish:

"The Bulgarian irregulars were driven from Strumitsa. The fight was short. When reinforcements arrived, our advance posts cleared the Strumitsa station and the invaders fled in the direction of Bulgaria.

"Our troops, pursuing the enemy, found thirty of their dead and it is presumed that others were carried away. We lost fifty killed."

A semi-official communication from Nish to Reuter's Telegram company states that the invading force had scattered among the Serbian frontier villages and compelled the inhabitants to remove to Bulgaria, taking their goods and cattle with them. It is also stated, although not confirmed, that the invaders set fire to the Serbian clocktowers at Plavotch and Borakli.

### Work of Revolutionists.

ROME, April 4.—(Via Paris.)—D. Risov, Bulgarian minister to Rome, expressed the opinion today that the incident on the Serbo-Bulgarian border was the work of Macedonian revolutionists in Serbia, who are opposed to the Serbian regime in the territory gained in the Balkan wars, in which the fighting occurred. M. Risov asserted that the Bulgarian government was in no way responsible for the affair and that its only desire was to preserve neutrality.

M. Hristich, the Serbian minister, took issue with M. Risov's statement. He said that, having spent thirty years in the region concerned, he knew it thoroughly and could affirm that the Macedonians in this part of Serbia had no desire to oppose the present order of things.

### Points to Bulgaria.

Responsibility for the incident, he asserted, might be determined by considering to whose interests it would be to produce such an outbreak. This, he said, pointed clearly to Bulgaria, which by occupying the left bank of the Vardar river, could threaten to cut Serbian communication with Saloniki, the only source from which the country could bring in its supplies. Already, he said, communication by telegraph and telephone had been cut.

## Disposition of the Armies of Germany In West is Slated

LONDON, April 4.—The Evening News has received a dispatch from its correspondent at Copenhagen giving what purports to be the locations of the various German armies in the west.

According to this dispatch, Emperor William is at Eibau, in Belgium, with General von Falkenhayn, chief of staff; General von Behler is at Dixmude, in Belgium, with four army corps; the crown prince of Wurttemberg is at Maulde, near Lille, with three army corps; the German prince of Bavaria, with three army corps, is at or near Cambrai, in the Department of the North, France; General von Herringen is at La Fere, north-west of Laon, in the Department of the Aisne, with four corps; General von Kluck, who has been wounded, has three corps near Lou; General von Buslow is at Ypres, to the northeast of Chalons, with four corps; General von Elnow is between Busancy and Stenay, to the north of the Argonne, with three corps and two more corps in reserve, while the German crown prince is at Etain, near Verdun, with the fifth corps and two more corps in reserve.

Further to the south is General von Falkenhayn's line from St. Mihiel to Metzhausen with one corps and several brigades in reserve.

## Eitel Still in Port; Men on Shore Leave

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 4.—The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich still was in this port late today, with members of its crew on shore liberty. There were no outward signs of preparations for immediate departure.

## GERMAN TROOPS ARE RUSHED INTO HUNGARY PLAINS

Kaiser Is Sending Reinforcements to Aid of Austrians Holding Back the Russian Flood.

### BATTLE RAGES NIGHT AND DAY

Muscovites Make Desperate Efforts to Force Passes in Carpathians.

### CAPTURE SEVEN THOUSAND MEN

BULLETIN. VIENNA, April 4.—(Via London.)—Retreat of the Austrian forces in the Beskid region of the Carpathians, where some of the heaviest fighting has taken place in the struggle for control of the mountain passes leading into Hungary, was announced today at army headquarters.

LONDON, April 4.—The Germans are pouring reinforcements into Hungary to support the Austrian armies, which are being hard pressed by the Russians in the passes of the Carpathian mountains; and are also, according to dispatches from Holland, again sending men from Belgium to strengthen their eastern front, where the Russians have taken the offensive.

The battle in the Carpathians continues by night and day. The Russians, who are being continually reinforced, are making desperate efforts to force Usok and Lupkow passes, and upon the success of these operations their army which is on the Hungarian side of Dukla is waiting before continuing its advance.

Repair Austrian Attacks. Seemingly the Russians have had considerable success. For the official reports announce the repulse of Austrian attacks near Mesolabor, which is the south of Lupkow pass and west of Usok pass, and continued progress in the region of the latter pass and west of Usok pass, despite the stubborn resistance of the Austrians.

On April 1 the Russians claim to have taken prisoners 100 officers and 700 men and to have captured ten machine guns. Austrian correspondents view this onslaught with mingling and in their dispatches give precedents over the battle in Bukovina, where the Austrians a few days ago took the offensive and penetrated into Bessarabia, but have since, according to Russian reports, been defeated.

There is no change in Poland, but the movement of German troops from Belgium eastward indicates that their general staff is uneasy over the activity of the Russians along the East Prussian frontier and in the central portion of the old kingdom.

They Feel Secure. Having fortified the whole of Belgium and having recently opened the sluices, extending the floods in Flanders, it is possible that they feel secure or do not anticipate that the allies will make their effort for some weeks yet.

At any rate they have, say Dutch correspondents, depleted the garrisons in Belgium and have actually withdrawn men from the West front.

Beyond this there is little news from the western theater of operations. The French, however, continue their attempt to dislodge the Germans from the forest of Lepretre, in the hope that this will compel them to evacuate St. Mihiel.

Not much importance is attached in London to the raid by Bulgarian irregulars into Serbia. These raids are continually taking place, the only difference being that the latest one was carried out with greater force and was aimed at the railway from Usok to Saloniki. The arrival of Serbian reinforcements compelled the Bulgarians to retire to their own frontier, not, however, before considerable losses were suffered by both sides.

Farm Hand Ends Life. SHEENANDOA, Ia., April 4.—(Special Telegram.)—C. T. Murphy, a farm hand, who recently came here from Ohio, Ia., committed suicide last night with a revolver at the rooming house of Mrs. Mary Haynes. His body will be taken to Ohio to the home of his father, P. M. Murphy.

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