

3 WARSHIPS SUNK

SOME OF THE LARGEST BATTLESHIPS IN FRANCO-BRITISH FLEET LOST.

630 DIE ON FRENCH SHIP

British Admiralty Admits Heaviest Blow of Naval War in Sinking of the Dreadnaught Irresistible, Ocean and Bouvet by Mines.

London, March 22.—The greatest blow suffered by the allies on the sea since the war began was administered by the Turks Thursday, when drifting mines in the narrows of the Dardanelles blew up and sank three of the largest battleships in the Franco-Turkish fleet while the ships were bombarding eight of the Turkish forts.

The ships destroyed are the 15,000-ton British second line battleship Irresistible, the 12,500-ton British battleship Ocean and the 12,205-ton French battleship Bouvet. In addition, the British dreadnaught cruiser Inflexible and the French battleship Gaulois were damaged by the gunfire from the forts.

Nearly every man of the 630 in the crew of the Bouvet was lost with the ship, but almost the entire crews of the Irresistible and the Ocean were saved.

This tremendous loss was admitted in an official statement given out by the admiralty. Official dispatches telling of the sinking of the Bouvet from Constantinople via Berlin, besides telling of the sinking of the Bouvet and saying the Irresistible was "put out of action," also claim that a British torpedo boat was sunk, but the English admiralty has not confirmed this fact.

The admiralty's statement is as follows:

"Mine sweeping has been in progress for ten days inside the straits. A general attack by the British and French fleets was opened on the morning of the 18th against the fortresses in the narrows.

At 10:45 a. m. the superdreadnaught Queen Elizabeth and the battleships Inflexible, Agamemnon and Lord Nelson bombarded forts J, L, T, U, and V, and the battleships Triumph and Prince George bombarded batteries F, E, and H. A heavy fire was opened on the ships by the enemy howitzers and field guns.

"At 12:22 p. m. the French squadron, consisting of the battleships Suffren, Gaulois, Charlemagne and Bouvet, advanced into the Dardanelles and engaged the forts at closer range. Forts J, U, F, and E, replied strongly. Their fire was silenced by ten battleships inside the straits. All the ships were hit several times during this part of the action.

"At 1:25 p. m. all the forts ceased firing. The battleships Vengeance, Irresistible, Albion, Ocean, Swiftnore and Majestic then advanced to relieve the six old battleships, which were inside the straits.

"As the French squadron, which had engaged the forts in most brilliant fashion, was passing out, the Bouvet was blown up by a drifting mine and sank in 36 fathoms of water north of the village of Aren Kios in less than three minutes.

"At 2:35 p. m. the relief battleships renewed the attack on the forts, which again opened fire.

"At 4:09 p. m. the battleship Irresistible quit the line, listing heavily, and at 5:50 p. m. sank, having probably struck a drifting mine. At 6:05 p. m. the battleship Ocean also was struck by a mine. Both vessels sank in deep water and practically the whole of their crews were removed to safety under a hot fire.

"The French battleship Gaulois was damaged by gunfire. The British battleship Inflexible was hit by a heavy shell, damaging her forward control position, which requires repair.

"The damage to the forts effected by the prolonged direct fire of the very powerful forces employed cannot yet be estimated. The losses in ships was caused by mines drifting with the current, which was encountered in areas hitherto swept clear.

"The British casualties in personnel were not heavy considering the scale of the operation, but practically the whole of the crew of the Bouvet was lost with the ship, an internal explosion having apparently supervened the explosion of the mine.

"The battleships Queen and Implacable, which were dispatched from England to replace ships damaged and casualties suffered in anticipation of this operation, are due to arrive immediately, bringing the British fleet again to its original strength.

"The operations are continuing as ample naval forces are available.

"On the 16th Vice-Admiral Carden, who had been incapacitated by illness, was succeeded as chief in command by Rear Admiral John Michael Derobeck, acting with the rank of vice-admiral."

Slayer Kills Self.

Lexington, Ky., March 22.—Elias A. Waldon, who shot and killed Joseph M. Skalm, manager of the Phoenix hotel, and fired a bullet into his own body, died in a local hospital on Friday morning.

Governor Osborne Recovering.

Baltimore, March 22.—Chase Salmon Osborne, former governor of Michigan, on Friday afternoon was reported recovering from the effects of an operation performed at Johns Hopkins hospital.

AMERICAN GOODS SAFE

ALLIES LIMIT BLOCKADE OF GERMAN TO WAR ZONE.

Won't Confiscate Cargoes—State Department at Washington Makes Public Answers to Notes.

Washington, March 19.—In notes of similar tenor made public on Wednesday by the state department, Great Britain and France make the definite assertion to the United States that they have established and are enforcing a blockade of the ports of Germany, but that the allied governments will "refrain from enforcing the usual penalties of a blockade."

It is further explained that neutral vessels are subject to seizure only when presumed to be carrying contraband, and in the words of the French note, "the discharged cargo shall not be confiscated. Merchandise belonging to neutrals shall be held at the disposal of its owner to be returned to the port of departure. In case the owner of the goods is a German, they shall simply be sequestered during the war."

These notes were in answer to the American representations made to the allies recently asking an explanation of the method to be adopted in enforcing the blockade, and pointing out that some of the provisions in this blockade plan were paradoxical. The American note was made public by Secretary Bryan simultaneously.

The reply of Great Britain to the recent American note proposing a method of agreement between Great Britain and Germany for the protection of neutral ships in the sea war zone, and suggesting that Great Britain permit the shipment of foodstuffs to German civilians in return for the abandonment of mine and submarine warfare, also was made public. As has already been announced in the newspapers, the British reply is a complete rejection of the proposal. Germany's conciliatory reply already has been published.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Hinton, W. Va., March 18.—The inquest into the deaths of the 109 miners who perished in the Layland mine of the New River and Pocahontas Coal company two weeks ago, was begun here.

Bremen, March 18.—The American bark Pass of Balmaha is reported wrecked near Syll island in the North sea. The vessel was bound from New York to Bremen with a cargo of cotton.

Boston, March 19.—Federal Judge Putnam handed down a decision dismissing the government's suit to dissolve the United Shoe Machinery company as an unlawful monopoly under the Sherman act.

OLDFIELD WINS AUTO RACE

Veteran Victor in 301-Mile Grand Prix Over Venice Speedway at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—Out of one of the most dramatic and thrilling finishes ever witnessed in southern California motor racing, Barney Oldfield came to victory without a stop in the 301-mile Grand Prix in his Maxwell over the new Venice speedway on Wednesday.

Oldfield's time was 4 hours, 24 minutes, 9 seconds, an average of 67 miles an hour. Half a minute behind Oldfield was William Carlson in a duplicate Maxwell. Then came G. E. Ruckstell in his Mercer for third honors.

KILBANE DEFEATS WILLIAMS

Featherweight Champion Outfought Bantamweight Titleholder of the World at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, outboxed and outfought Kid Williams, world's bantamweight titleholder, in a furious six-round contest on Wednesday night. It was Kilbane's contest from start to finish although his younger opponent made a plucky battle.

50,000 FRENCH ARE SLAIN

Unofficial Report Received in Berlin Says Enemy Lost Heavily in Champagne Fighting.

Berlin, March 19.—More than 50,000 French soldiers have been killed since early February and 25,000 now lie unburied between the firing lines in the five-mile strip between Perthes and Hild in the Champagne district, according to unofficial reports received here.

Adventists' Leader Is Ill.

Battle Creek, Mich., March 22.—Mrs. Ellen G. White, founder, prophetess and present leader of the Seventh Day Adventists, is seriously ill at her home in St. Helena, Cal. Mrs. White recently fell, fracturing her hip.

Daring Mail Robbery in Italy.

Rome, March 22.—A daring train robbery was reported here. Two hundred and twenty-five bags of United States mail, most of which was consigned to Germany, Austria and the Balkan states, had been rifled.

BRITAIN LOSES FIGHT

GENERAL HAWLEY AND 2,000 MEN KILLED BY DERVISHES IN SUDAN.

WERE ATTACKED BY 40,000

All Prisoners Are Decapitated, Railroads and Telegraph Wires Destroyed and Conquest in Egypt Kept a Secret by England for Months.

Berlin, Germany (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.), March 20.—A German merchant who has returned from Egypt is authority for the declaration that the whole of the Sudan, including Khartoum and also parts of Nubia, is in possession of the dervishes.

The statements of this traveler are published in the Vossische Zeitung. He describes also an engagement near Fashoda last December, in which General Hawley and the British army and a number of other officers, with nearly 2,000 men, lost their lives.

The merchant relates a story of the alleged uprising of the Senussi tribesmen in November. He declares that they destroyed an Australian camp near the pyramids November 19, killing 200 Australians and capturing guns and provisions.

Later, in large force not fewer than 80,000, they overflooded the entire province of Fayum and destroyed all railroads, including the Cairo-Assuan line. December 1 they destroyed the Alexandria-Cairo railroad near Danlanhur.

Thousands of tribesmen responded to the appeal of the dervishes and December 13, 40,000 of them marched in the direction of Fashoda, on the White Nile, where General Hawley opposed them with 6,000 troops. Of the men under Hawley all the native soldiers deserted to the dervishes, leaving them only 2,000 men.

Most of this contingent was killed and General Hawley and all his officers fell. Nabur-EI-Asi, commanding the dervishes, had all his prisoners decapitated.

As a result of this victory all the native chiefs joined the dervishes, who, January 1, took possession of the important military post at Nasser, in the district of Sennar.

The merchant also declares that the dervishes destroyed all the telegraph lines in lower Egypt. No word of the conquest of the Sudan has been allowed to leak out.

DIGGS AND CAMINETTI LOSE

Both Men Must Go to Prison in the California White Slave Case—Were Convicted in 1913.

San Francisco, March 20.—The convictions of F. Drew Caminetti, son of Anthony Caminetti, United States commissioner general of immigration, and Maurice I. Diggs, former state architect, under the Mann white slave act, were affirmed on Thursday by the United States circuit court of appeals. Diggs and Caminetti were tried and convicted before District Judge William C. Van Fleet in 1913 for the transportation of Iola Norris and Marsha Warrington from Sacramento, Cal., to Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes. Diggs was sentenced to imprisonment on McNeil island for two years and fined \$2,000. Caminetti was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,500. The case was taken to the higher court on a writ of error.

ENVOYS ASKS CURB ON VILLA

British Embassy Wants U. S. to Prevent Levy From Foreigners at Monterey.

Washington, March 20.—The British embassy after receiving advices from Monterey, asked the state department on Thursday to protest against Villa's special levy of 1,000,000 pesos upon foreigners at Monterey. The 'light and power' company there owned by British capital was taxed \$35,000.

Washington, March 20.—A protest was sent to the United States on Thursday evening to General Villa against the collection from Americans or other foreigners of part of a special tax of 1,000,000 pesos levied at Monterey.

SHIP SEIZED IN BLOCKADE

Swedish Steamer Carrying Provisions to Germany Is Taken Into British Port.

London, March 20.—The first seizure made by Great Britain under the provisions of its recently announced blockade of the German coast was made on Thursday when the Swedish steamer Geheland Dacon, carrying a cargo of provisions intended for a German port, was held up and brought into Lee in the custody of a British patrol boat.

Many British Officers Slain.

Berlin, March 20.—Information given out by the Overseas News Agency and attributed to the London Daily Citizen enumerates 848 officers and 15,330 privates in a partial list of British dead.

Pribilof Islands Are "Dry."

Washington, March 20.—The Pribilof islands have gone "dry." Regulations announced by Secretary of Commerce Redfield prohibit the taking of alcohol or alcoholic liquors on the islands.

TO RESCUE AMERICANS

ALARMING REPORTS REACH WASHINGTON FROM PROGRESO.

Gunboat Brutus Sent to Mexican Port From Vera Cruz—Panic in City of Mexico.

Washington, March 18.—Most alarming reports which reached the state and navy departments during the day concerning danger to Americans and other foreigners at Progreso caused the secretary of the navy to send an additional ship, the Brutus, from Vera Cruz to that port.

The Des Moines is already there with instructions from Admiral Caperton at Vera Cruz to give asylum to Americans and foreigners who may wish to come aboard.

Authentic reports are that, notwithstanding assertions of the re-establishment of order, there is panic among foreigners to get out of Mexico City. The "new government" is under control of Roque Gonzales Garza, who was elected provisional president by Mexican generals on January 17.

Secretary Bryan referred again to Americans and other foreigners who have told the Brazilian minister that they want to get out at once. The Brazilian minister is arranging for their departure.

The only detailed news concerning conditions in the city comes through here, all of which describe them as deplorable.

Sweden has a case against Mexico similar to that of the United States in the McManis case. Sweden asserts that one of her citizens, Johan Eklund, was murdered by Obregon's troops just before Obregon left Mexico City. The Swedish minister reported that the home of Gustav Lundholm and that of another Swedish subject had been looted.

The department is still solicitous about the safety of Americans and other foreigners at Manzanillo. The United States is relying on the cruiser Cleveland, which is off the port of Manzanillo.

FRIEND OF BEACHEY KILLED

Frank Stites, Aviator, Dashed to Earth in Flight at Universal City.

Los Angeles, March 18.—Aviator Frank Stites fell 200 feet with his machine at Universal City on Tuesday and was fatally injured, dying half an hour later in a hospital. Stites was a close friend of Lincoln Beachey and was greatly depressed over Beachey's fatal fall at San Francisco. Sunday he made an unsuccessful attempt at a flight and afterwards remarked to a friend that he had lost his nerve. While making the flight Stites apparently lost control of his machine and being too close to ground to regain it was dashed to earth. He sustained a broken leg and internal injuries, the latter causing death.

DEAD MEN ON POLL LIST

Witnesses in Terre Haute Fraud Assert They Found Many Persons Registered From Vacant Lots.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18.—Dead men were placed on the registration books in Terre Haute last October, according to Ira Wellman, Silas R. Brewer and Joseph G. Elder, who testified on Tuesday in the Terre Haute election fraud case. The three men said they had verified the poll as taken from the registration books and found many registered from vacant houses, impossible numbers and addresses outside of the precincts in which they were working, in addition to several hundred names of men who could not be found at all.

JUDGE DENIES THAW MOTION

Slayer of Stanford White Ordered Back to Matteawan—Habeas Corpus Act as Stay.

New York, March 18.—Holding that the mandate of the Supreme court of the United States did not hold good now that the trial for conspiracy was over, Justice Page in the supreme court on Tuesday denied the motion of Harry K. Thaw's attorneys to have him returned to New Hampshire.

The writ of habeas corpus, however, sued out by John B. Stanchfield, acted as a stay to Thaw's return to Matteawan, and he was remanded in the custody of the sheriff until he appears before Justice Bijur.

Child Killed by "Ripper."

New York, March 20.—Lenora Cohn, five years old, was killed by a "jack-the-ripper." Her body, mutilated with a knife, was found in the hallway of her home. In the fingers of her left hand were clutched several strands of short gray hair.

Villa Defeats Carranzistas.

El Paso, March 20.—General Villa's army defeated Carranza troops at Ramones, Nuevo Leon. Two hundred Carranzistas were killed and 300 wounded before they fled in utter rout from before Villa's men.

Nobel Prize for Wilson.

Mobile, Ala., March 22.—A recommendation that the Nobel peace prize be given to President Wilson was contained in a letter which Rev. A. Kjelland wrote to the Nobel committee at Christiania, Norway.

ROUNDS UP INDIANS

SCOTT WIRES WASHINGTON HE IS BRINGING IN PIUTES.

GARRISON CONGRATULATES HIM

After Posse Had Been Driven Off By Indians, General Scott Went to Scene Unarmed.

Washington, D. C.—A laconic telegram has been received at the war department from Brigadier General Scott, chief of staff at Bluff, Utah, announcing that the general was bringing in the four Piute Indians, who recently led a band of their tribe on the war path, when the federal authorities attempted to arrest Tae-No-Gat for murder.

The message addressed to Secretary Garrison, said:

"Successful. Have four Piutes desired by Marshal Nebecker and am, at their desire, personally conducting



Brigadier General Scott.

them to Salt Lake to turn them over to Marshal Nebecker. Am leaving everything peaceable behind us in southern Utah.

Garrison's Reply

Secretary Garrison replied: "I heartily congratulate you on obtaining success in circumstances which seemed to make it impossible. I appreciate your work in the highest degree."

Newspaper dispatches tell of General Scott's arrival at Bluff with the four Indians, Tae-No-Gat and his father, "Old Polk," chief Posey and the latter's son. The party rode in just ten days after General Scott, unarmed and accompanied only by an orderly and two Navajo scouts had started off on a snow covered mountain trail for the distant hiding place of the Piutes.

The general went to the scene after the Indians had driven off a posse, headed by Marshal Nebecker, which undertook to arrest Tae-No-Gat. One member of the posse and two Indians were killed in the battle.

Throughout a long and distinguished career, the general has been noted for his astounding success as a peacemaker both with the Indians of the west and the fierce tribesmen of the Philippines. This is only one of many times that he had gone unarmed to seek out and bring into camp a fugitive savage, who though willing to fight to the death for liberty succumbed to the persuasion of the eloquent "White Chief."

Advised to Leave Italy.

London.—The relations between Italy and Austria are believed to have reached an acute stage. A dispatch from Rome says Austrian and German subjects have been advised by the consuls to leave Italy in the shortest possible time and that a number of Germans who recently arrived in Italy are being watched because of the suspicion that they are military spies.

There have been reports for some days that Germany's efforts to secure the continued neutrality of Italy by inducing Austria to cede Trent and other territory to her were not meeting with success. Italy, it was said, was demanding that the territory be handed over to her at once, but the Teutonic allies, desired to make the transfer after the war.

Following this came reports that Austria had commenced strengthening her southern frontier.

Zeppelins Shell Paris.

Paris.—Zeppelin airships raided Paris early Sunday and dropped a dozen bombs, but the damage done was unimportant. Seven or eight persons were injured, one seriously. Four of the aircraft started for the capital, following the valley of the Oise, but only two reached their goal. Missiles also were dropped at Compiègne, Ribecourt and Dreuil court, but without serious result.

Residents of the city exhibited more curiosity than fear as to the aerial invasion.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Whooping cough is very prevalent at Salem.

Jitney cars will begin running in Norfolk, April 1.

The Leffing elevator of Cozad was destroyed by fire. Fremont's new \$75,000 theater has just been completed.

Eight candidates are in the field for postmaster at Schuyler.

Cass county paid \$16 to have its jail guarded for a week. Sidney's new high school building will cost nearly \$35,000.

William McFarland of Syracuse recently sold a hog for \$302.

A civil and religious census is being taken at Plattsmouth.

South Sioux City will vote on the license question this spring.

Salaries of Grand Island teachers have been raised \$5 a month.

Fire destroyed a harness shop and merchandise store at Alva.

A community commercial club has been organized at Coleridge.

Frank and George Kofton killed a large Canadian lynx near Bassett.

Prof. H. D. Sargent has been re-elected head of the Salem schools.

John E. McClure won the postmaster preferential primary at Axtell.

Two cases of smallpox have been reported, five miles north of Axtell.

William Marling, many years resident of Hastings, recently died in Boston.

S. G. Fransworth has sold his drug store at Unadilla to Ralph Lincoln of Dunbar.

Frank Howard has succeeded Charles Miner as postmaster at Ravenna.

Broken Bow will vote on pool halls and Sunday baseball at the coming election.

Farmers' Co-operative Elevator company of Harvard has made a bankruptcy petition.

Ainsworth has closed the schools and all public gatherings on account of scarlet fever.

A. M. Strunk has resigned his position as cashier of the First National bank of Beatrice.

W. P. Truman was nominated for the office of mayor of Auburn at a caucus held recently.

H. M. Wiltse, first homesteader in Logan Valley, died at Soldiers' Home at Hot Springs, S. D.

Walter Cuff and Charles Groves of Postwick have purchased the Horton cigar store at Superior.

State Auditor Smith has registered \$22,000 worth of sewer bonds for the village of Ravenna.

Tecumseh won a debate with Pawnee City. The question was, "Government Ownership of Railroads."

John T. Cullivan, who lost his suit for estate of late John O'Connor of Hastings, says he will appeal case.

Tecumseh city convention votes not to put wet and dry question on ballot this year, and city will remain dry.

Fremont claims the state record for snowfall. More than nine feet has been piled up in that city this winter.

The 29th annual encampment of the Nebraska department of the G. A. R. will be held in Minden, May 18-19-20.

At Syracuse three propositions will be submitted at the spring election. Water extension, electric lights and sewers.

Governor Morehead has announced the appointment of John W. Teeling of Hastings as a member of the staff of colonels.

The city council at Schuyler rejected a petition signed by 300 men and women asking that picture shows be closed on Sundays.

Rural Inspector C. A. Gregory of the state superintendent's office has been elected to the superintendency of city schools of Crete.

Mrs. Frank Dufack, recently appointed postmistress at Elk City, has received her commission and has taken charge of the office.

Eighty-six head of exceptionally fine Hampshire hogs were sold at a total of \$3,451.50, or an average of over \$58 per head, at a Syracuse hog sale.

A special election will be held at Leigh on March 26 to submit a proposition of issuing bonds in the sum of \$10,000 to be used for an electric plant for the city.

An effort to avoid a hard fought municipal campaign at Geneva is meeting with little success. The "dry" element approved a harmony ticket, but the "wets" have refused to promise their support.

Secretary W. R. Mellor of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, in a recent issue of the New York Clipper, a theatrical magazine, is warmly commended for his work in connection with the Nebraska fair.

Fred W. Boyd touched a match to a leaky gasoline stove in the rear of his restaurant at Salem, it exploded and threw him across the room, set fire to the building and caused \$1,000 damage. Boyd was slightly injured.

The jury for the April term of the district court at Beatrice will report April 12. Seven criminal cases are on the docket.

The question of burying the body of John O'Connor, Hastings recluse, who died more than a year ago, will soon be decided by District Judge Dungan.

The old Exeter high school building was destroyed by fire last week. Only hard work by fire fighters saved the new high school, just completed.

Ainsworth was visited by a \$6,000 fire last week.