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Germans Have A "Surrender Drill"

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31.—An officer and ninety Germans surrendered in a body near Guillemont, Wednesday. They were put out, as usual, with orders to stick under the British shell fire and against British infantry attacks to the last man. But when the British worked their way up on either side of the exposed trench they held they ran up a white flag, without making any fight of it. They said they had suffered enough hardships, and had had enough of war and preferred to be taken prisoners.

The heavy downpour of rain continued all day, making ponds of the shell craters and turning the trenches into mud holes.

While the German press is saying that Roumania's entry will lengthen the war, prisoners taken say that it will shorten it, as it is evident now that Germany cannot win, and had better compromise than prolong the struggle. "But we are not going to consider any compromise," the British soldiers told them.

The British who have seen the surrender of Germans say that, with characteristic organization, they now have what the British call a "surrender drill" when they come out of their dugouts to give themselves up, as, in the case of the body to day, they have all their letters, papers and valuables in their hands, ready as a peace offering to their captors.

Greece to Join The Allies Soon?

Athens, Aug. 30, via London, Aug. 31.—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation here to day make it appear that within forty eight hours Greece will have abandoned the policy of neutrality in the war.

King Constantine will receive the French minister tomorrow (Thursday), and the Russian and British ministers shortly afterward.

All staff officers on leave have been recalled for active service.

London, Aug. 31.—The fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front, says an Athens despatch to the wireless press, which adds that the Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the Entente's left flank, and that the Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

The Bulgarian regiments, says the despatch, attacked the Serbians in close formation, after the German style, near Lorovitz, and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements from Valbankeni and Kastoria.

The Serbians appear to be masters of the situation at Gomicheve, says the Athens correspondent, and Bulgarian officers of Roumanian origin, who deserted, said the Bulgarians called Gomicheve "another Verdun."

Bucharest, Roumania, Aug. 31, via London.—King Ferdinand has issued the following order of the day, addressed to the army:

"I have called upon you who are stout hearted and full of hope. The spirit of the great Roumanian chieftains, Michael the Brave and Stephen the Great, interred in their provinces you are about to deliver, exhort you to victories worthy of them and of our heroic and victorious allies.

"Terrific fighting awaits you, but you will endure its rigors as did your ancestors. In future age the entire race will bless and glorify you."

Lauds British Airmen

A tribute to British airmen was recently published in the Neuste Nachrichten of Kiel. The article having been written, it was stated, by a wounded aviator of the German air service, who was then convalescing from wounds received on the French front. This is what the German aviator wrote:

"We had hard days at La Maisonnette. Thence we could see seventeen captive balloons simultaneously. They were close together in groups, so it made no difference when some blazed up and sank.

"We could quite well see our airmen fly over them and squirt something at one until black smoke arose and the whole balloon turned round and waggled down. But all the rest held out at their posts. They were smart fellows, and unfortunately their observation was only too good.

"The gigantic numbers of enemy airmen exceeded anything seen or experienced in this war. By 3.30 a. m. they were already flying and they cruised with the greatest coolness in the midst of our fire. They fly so low that we can make out the smallest details with the naked eye. Their airmen carry, out peace-time manoeuvres and are indiffer-



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ent to all dangers. They even shoot at us in our holes and trenches with machine guns, and when they want to find our bomb proofs they come down still lower, until actually within pistol shot.

"Many of them have been shot down, and when their photographs have been developed we have been able to distinguish the entrances to our shelters. Their artillery has much to thank them for."

Roumanian Troops Still Advancing

London, Sept. 1.—Advices to the Central News from Petrograd say:

"Roumania's action has entirely upset the plans of the German staff. The projected blow at Brusiloff's flank is rendered impossible.

"Roumania's military scheme has been submitted for approval by the Russian staff Transylvania, it is believed, will be the chief theatre of operations.

"It is reliably reported that a strong movement has been started against Czar Ferdinand, and that Bulgaria's defeat will be the signal for a revolution. Bulgarians fear that the Russians will make a combined land and sea attack on Varna.

"The relations between Austria and Hungary are critical, as the latter is clamoring for the consternation of the entire Hungarian forces on their own frontiers. There is a possibility of Hungary fighting Austria for her preservation."

Allies Have Virtually Taken Control Greek Government And Dictate Measures Taken

London, Sept. 4.—The Greek Government has accepted the new demands of the Allies, and French and British agents have taken control of the post office and telegraph systems.

Athens, Sept. 2 (via London, Sept. 3).—Representatives at Athens of Great Britain and France this evening presented to the Greek Government a note demanding control over the Greek posts and telegraphs and insisting on the deportation from Greece of agents of the Central Powers. The note said:

"The two Allied Governments having from a sure source learned that their enemies receive information in divers ways, and notably through the agency of the Greek telegraphs, demand the control of the posts and telegraphs, including the wireless system.

"Enemy agents employed in corruption and espionage must immediately leave Greece, not to return until the conclusion of hostilities.

"Necessary measures have been taken against such Greek subjects as rendered themselves guilty of complicity in the above-mentioned corruption and espionage."

The note formed the subject of a conference between King Constantine, Premier Zaimis and Dr. Strait, a former minister of foreign affairs. It is understood that there will be no objection by the Greek Government to acceptance of the Anglo-French demands.

Ships of the Entente Allied fleet sunk a German submarine this morning off Phaleron. Entente military officers claim the undersea boat had received its supplies from the Austrian and Ger-

man ships which were seized in the harbor of Piraeus today by French sailors. A number of destroyers of the Entente fleet made a careful reconnaissance near the arsenal this afternoon. They put down an submarine nets and nosed close to where the Lemnos and the Kilkis, formerly the United States battleships Mississippi and Idaho, were lying.

It is believed the Entente fleet desires to establish a naval base at Piraeus as a base of supplies for the Entente Allied armies west wing on the Macedonian front, which could be more easily supplied by rail from Piraeus than from Salonica. Should this action prove to be of military value to the Entente Powers, the Greek Government, it is understood, will not object.

Athens (via London), Sept. 4.—Baron Von Schenk, chief director of the German propaganda in Greece, has been arrested and placed on cruiser of the Entente Allies. Sixteen more Allied warships have arrived in Piraeus.

Diplomats of the Entente Allies had demanded that Baron Von Schenk and sixty co-workers in behalf of the Central Empires be expelled from Greece. It was reported that he had barricaded himself in his house in Athens and surrounded it with a score of armed guards and his friends to protect him.

King Constantine Has Abdicated

London, Sept. 1.—King Constantine of Greece has abdicated, according to the official British press report at Saloniki.

The press report says the King had abdicated in favor of the Crown Prince, with Venizelos as the power behind the throne. The new policy, he reports, will be to work with the Entente Allies.

According to this information, Premier Zaimis will remain at the head of the government. The correspondent questions whether the Entente Allies desire the active assistance of Greece.

(Crown Prince George of Greece, whose accession to the throne is reported, has been described as a man of liberal mind, in the sympathy with the aspirations of the Greek people. It has been assumed that if King Constantine's policy of non-interference in the war should lead to his disappearance from power, the Greek Crown Prince would be the man to whom the pro-Entente party would turn.

Prince George was born on July 19, 1899. He is unmarried. His engagement to Princess Elizabeth of Roumania was announced in 1914, but owing to the war the wedding was postponed. The Crown Prince has kept in the background during the war. When the Entente troops landed at Saloniki last year, the King sent the Crown Prince to take charge of the Greek forces there. It was reported several months ago that the Prince had been sent on a mission to the German and Austrian emperors.

New York, Sept. 1.—The London correspondent of the World cables as follows:

Inquiries in financial and other quarters in close touch with Holland have elicited the fact that the belief prevails in well-informed quarters there that Germany probably will shorten her line in the west before long.

There are two possible lines to which she might retire, one as far back as Maastricht (in Holland, north of Liege), but the belief is that if the pressure in the east becomes a serious one, she will be forced to retreat to the west.

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ious menace, Field Marshal von Hindenburg will recommend a withdrawal to the line of Antwerp, Namur and Mezières (that is surrendering about half Belgium and nearly all Northern France, and standing on the line of the Meuse), on which she has been very busy in the last four months, especially about Namur and Antwerp, whose fortifications have been strengthened in every direction.

By such a withdrawal, military critics here say,—Germany could possibly release 750,000 men for the east, but the allies' front in the west would be shored to the same extent, and more effective concentrations of the great forces at their disposal could be made in further pushes, so the German strategic situation would be hardly improved.

There is no doubt a big crisis in the war has been reached, although it is not believed here it can possibly be finished, as far as Germany is concerned, until another summer campaign.