

BIG TEUTONIC FORCE REPORTED TO BE MOVING AGAINST SALONIKI

Advance of Teutonic Allies On Saloniki is Announced

Greek Newspapers State That a Large Force of Bulgars, Germans and Turks are on the Move---Bulgars Comprise the Largest Part of the Attacking Force---Intolerable Conditions Reported to Exist at Monastir.

(Canadian Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A News Agency despatch from Rome today says: "The advance of the Teutonic, Turkish and Bulgarian armies on the French and British positions defending Saloniki is announced by the newspapers of Athens and Saloniki.

"The enemy forces," says the Corrier del Serra, "consist of 250,000 Bulgarians, between Gievveli and Doiran, connecting at the Serbia-Grecian frontier, with two railway divisions leading it on Saloniki. Fifty thousand men, most of them Germans, are moving to Monastir, where there is another railroad leading to Saloniki.

"On the Greek-Macedonian boundary fronting Bulgaria, near Xanthi, there are 18,000 Turks and 30,000 Bulgarians.

"Despatches from Monastir report intolerable conditions there, the population is starving and the Bulgarian irregulars are ravaging the surrounding country.

Russian Drive in the Caucasus is in Conjunction With Operations in Mesopotamia

(Canadian Press.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Russian operations in the Caucasus are growing in magnitude and importance from the indications furnished by the official reports following closely the announcement from Constantinople that a Russian offensive along a 100-mile front south of the Arasa had been inaugurated, comes the further news that the attack is being pressed, although the Turkish war office declares that the attempts to make headway have lacked success. Assaults of the most determined character on the Turkish positions have been successfully repulsed, it is declared, and the Russian forces have had heavy losses inflicted upon them.

Military observers have been expecting for some time developments of a notable character in this region. When Grand Duke Nicholas was relieved of the command of the main Russian armies and sent to take charge of the operations in the Caucasus, it was intimated in the Imperial order announcing the change, that additional attention would be given the operations on that front. These have been slow in developing, but it now appears that the preparations have been made, and the drive into the interior is being attempted.

Austrian Pursuit of the Gallant Montenegrin Troops is Being Continued

(Canadian Press.)

The move is doubtless in conjunction with the British operations in nearby Mesopotamia, and the region of activity in Persia. Important developments on the other fronts are lacking.

There are yet no indications that the Teutonic allies are ready for their expected drive on Saloniki, although the Entente forces in Macedonia apparently are expecting an early move by their foes in this direction.

Russia has again slackened her activities in Bessarabia, but the Austrian pursuit of the Montenegrins is being continued with the latter falling back toward Scutari.

The Serbian government has established its headquarters at Brindisi, Italy.

TURKS SECURE MUCH BOOTY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17, via London.—An official statement issued by the Turkish War Office says: "Dardanelles Front—A hostile ship on Friday unsuccessfully shelled Seddul Bahr. Our aeroplanes dropped bombs on ships of the enemy at Mudros, on the Island of Lemons. The value of the booty captured by the Turkish forces now amounts to at least £2,000,000."

BELGIANS SUFFER FROM FLOODS.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Reports from the Dutch frontier sent by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News indicate that Belgium has suffered heavily from the floods, especially in south Flanders. The river Scheldt has risen several meters, and the villages of Wellen, Gavere, Syngen and Schelderoede are completely inundated.

STOCKHOLDERS OF ROYAL BANK TO GET A MELON

Rights on New Stock Issue Will be Worth About \$4.50 Per Share

The announcement made at the annual meeting of Royal Bank shareholders last week that in order to round out the bank's capital to \$12,000,000, 4,400 shares of new stock will be issued to the bank's shareholders at par, means, as the market price of the stock is now in the vicinity of \$220 per share, a bonus equal to about 4½ per cent. to shareholders of record of Jan. 12. The additional capital will be offered in the proportion of one share of new stock for every 27 shares of old. As the Bank Act prohibits fractional shares being allowed, holders entitled to fractions will be paid in cash. When the new stock is issued the Royal Bank will have a paid-up capital of \$12,000,000 and a reserve fund of \$12,560,000.

Small shareholders of the bank who have less than twenty-five shares, if they do not care to buy sufficient rights to secure one share of the new stock at the par value of \$100, can sell their rights at from \$4.25 to \$4.50 each.

Following is a list of local shareholders together with the amount of their holdings, taken from the last

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SAYS ITALY IS NOT TO BLAME FOR MONTENEGRIN DISASTER

PADUA, Italy, Jan. 17, via Rome.—Signor Barzilai, cabinet minister without portfolio, in an address here yesterday, speaking apparently for the government, declared that it was useless to attribute to Italy responsibility for the taking of Lovcen and the Montenegro disaster. As in the case of the loss of Serbia, he said, the blame was collective and the result of the Allies' ineffective programme.

"Our enemies," said the minister, "find salvation in silent, servile obedience imposed by one man. We should have foreseen this work because of the uncertainties inherent in a league of free peoples. There is no ground for the charge that Italy is responsible for the errors of last June. The preparation of the protection of a country without frontiers before hostilities were pressing, was the common task. In the future this order of argument will not be profitable, and the government making use of it to excuse failure will not merit nor receive pardon from their people."

BULGARIAN TROOPS ARE SHORT OF FOOD; THEIR CAMPS BOMBARDED BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Bulgarians are Gievveli and Doiran are suffering greatly from lack of food, according to information published by the newspaper Patris, of Athens, and forwarded by the Havas correspondent. Since the road from Demir-Kapou is despoiled, the Bulgarians are obliged to transport provisions from Veles to Gievveli by mule or on foot. A squadron of French aeroplanes, according to the same correspondent, bombarded the Bulgarian camps at 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, causing several fires.

DOCUMENTS ARE IMPORTANT.

ROME, Jan. 17.—Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian Primate, maintains the strictest reserve regarding the big bundle of papers which he took with him today when the Pope received him in private audience, and which he left with His Holiness. "Merely ecclesiastical matters," was all the Cardinal would say to all questions regarding these papers. One report was that the documents contained a village-o-village survey of present conditions in Belgium, and of alleged continued German barbarities.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Spanish steamer Belgica has been sunk. Twenty-three members of the crew were saved. The last mention of the Belgica in available maritime records notes her arrival on December 12 at Heysham, England, from Sagunto, Spain. The steamer was owned by the International Navigation Co. of Bilbao. Her gross tonnage was 2,105.

SERBIANS REACH ITALY.

BRINDISI, Italy, Jan. 17.—Forty members of the Serbian government have arrived here from Scutari, accompanied by diplomats of the Allied powers accredited to King Peter.

VON PAPEN DOCUMENTS SHED LIGHT ON GERMAN METHODS IN NEUTRAL COUNTRIES

German Military Attache to Washington Convicted by His Own Papers--- London Press Comment on the Baralong Incident.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The morning newspapers today comment extensively on both Germany's note to Great Britain concerning the Baralong incident, and the papers seized from Captain Von Papen, the former German military attache at Washington. The Baralong note is generally characterized as a piece of legal pettifogging which will not likely get much support in the United States.

The Daily Chronicle expresses the belief that only a small part of the evidence found on Capt. Von Papen has yet been revealed. "Americans have had plenty of time to appreciate the novel developments of the functions of accredited diplomats," says the Daily Chronicle, "but direct evidence, like Capt. Von Papen's banking documents, deserves to make a great impression. It tears off the last mask as far as the former military attache is concerned, and convicts him by the proof of his own papers."

SOME EXAMPLES OF THE OPERATION OF MADE-IN-GERMANY INTERNATIONAL LAW

The Daily News comment on the Baralong note is characteristic of the editorials in the other newspapers. "It seems impossible," says the Daily News, "to make German opinion realize how the outside world looks upon cruel pedantry which substitutes shifty adherence to the letter of the law for any kind of respect for its spirit. But Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Armenia are permanent examples of the operation of international law as made in Germany. President Wilson long ago pointed out that the destruction of helpless individuals was inherent in the nature of submarine warfare as conducted by Germany, but the real answer of Germany always has been that she cannot be expected to waive her technical rights out of mere sentimental regard to humanity."

VON PAPEN'S CONTEMPT FOR "IDIOTIC YANKEES" WAS EXPRESSED BY HIS COLLEAGUES

The Times speaks of the Von Papen letters as "of considerable value as further illustrations of German diplomatic action in neutral countries." The newspaper adds that while the letters seized from James F. J. Archibald did not contain proof that any member of the Austrian Embassies was directly concerned in the promotion of outrages, "the evidence of such connection would seem to be afforded by the Von Papen documents."

The Times concludes: "Von Papen's unlimited contempt of the 'idiotic Yankees' was proclaimed in the Archibald papers. The present document shows how widely it was shared and how openly it was expressed by his colleagues."

REPORT THAT THE PRINCE OF WALES WILL NOT RETURN TO THE FRONT IS UNFOUNDED

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—A cable from London this morning to the New York Herald says: "I am informed that the report that the Prince of Wales will not return to the front because the heir to the throne has recklessly exposed himself to the enemy, is unfounded, and that while it is true that during the King's convalescence he may be retained here for the public duties usually performed by his father, he will rejoin the army in France, where his bravery and simplicity have made him the idol of all ranks, as soon as the King has completely recovered from his recent accident."

THE TURKS CLAIM TO HAVE REPULSED FIERCE RUSSIAN ATTACKS IN THE CAUCASUS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 16, via London, Jan. 17.—An official statement given out tonight declared that the Turks have repulsed fresh attacks in the renewed Russian offensive on the Caucasus front. The statement says: "The enemy on the Caucasus front repeated his fierce attack to the south of the Arasa river as far as the Karadach mountains. All attacks were successfully repulsed, the Russians suffering terrible losses."