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ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS IN THE BALKANS ARE STILL FALLING BACK; THE TEUTONS ARE CLOSING IN ON THE GREEK FRONTIER

THE ENTENTE POWERS PUT IT UP TO GREECE

**Situation in Regard to the Allied Troops
at Saloniki Must be Cleared up at Once
—A Precise Answer is Asked For—
Montenegrin Troops Repulse Energetic
Attacks—Anglo-French Troops Retir-
ing From Southern Serbia.**

Paris, Dec. 10—Montenegrin troops repulsed energetic attacks made by the Austro-Hungarians and forced them to retire beyond Dubotchitza on Wednesday, Dec. 8, according to an official communication received by the Montenegrin consul general here today. The Montenegrins took one hundred prisoners and a quantity of rifles. The statement adds:
"On Thursday an Austrian aeroplane dropped bombs on Cetinje without causing any damage. On the same day the Austrians launched from aeroplanes over the Montenegrin front a proclamation addressed to the army and population advising them to cease resistance. If they did not, the proclamation stated, Montenegro would suffer the same fate as that of Serbia, the Entente Allies being unable to succor them or even to repulse an invasion of their own territory."
"A great number of Austrian dead covered the field after the engagement on Wednesday."

MUST DECLARE HERSELF.

London, Dec. 10—In view of the latest turn of events in Macedonia the diplomats of the Entente Powers are pressing the Greek government to clear up promptly the situation with regard to the Allied troops there, as it is considered essential they enjoy full liberty of movement, says a Reuter despatch from Athens.
The feeling in Greek circles seems somewhat pessimistic, according to these advices, in view of the recent communication from the British and French legations dwelling upon the determined attitude of the Entente Powers.

PRECISE ANSWER DEMAND.

Paris, Dec. 10—The newspapers of Paris this afternoon publish a report that the Entente Powers, in view of contradictory statements concerning the attitude of the Greek government, are likely to request Greece to give a precise answer to the notes presented by the Entente ministers.

RETIRING FROM SERBIA.

London, Dec. 10—The Anglo-French forces have commenced a general retirement from Southern Serbia, and it is suggested that their destination is the region of Saloniki. This retirement was necessitated, not only by the superior forces which the Bulgarians and Germans opposed to the Allies, but to a threat of an outflanking movement from Petrovo, where the Bulgarians have arrived, and also to danger to their line of communication from Bulgarian irregulars who had crossed the Greek frontier.

Both the British and the French forces, who are well supplied with artillery and machine guns, engaged in a four days' battle in which they inflicted very heavy losses on the Bulgarians, who fought with desperation and the greatest courage. Attack after attack was repulsed, but the Bulgarians still came on, and each evening the Allies fell back to new positions, where events of the day before were repeated.

WHAT WILL GREECE DO?

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Germans will follow the Allies across the Greek frontier, and what attitude the Greek government will adopt. King Constan-

tine has promised to use his army to protect the retreating forces if they undertake to re-embark and has shown his good faith by preventing Bulgarian raiding bands from destroying the Allies' communications, but it is doubtful if the Allies will agree to evacuate Saloniki which, under the guns of their ships, would provide a good defensive position and a base from which other operations could be undertaken.
It is on this point that negotiations between Greece and the Entente Allies are now proceeding and the feeling here and at Paris and Rome is given in the following paragraph, printed in large type in The Evening Star:

"The moment is approaching when the Greek government must decide. The Allies now, more than ever before, require freedom of movement at Saloniki. Hitherto their demands had been met by procrastination and a refusal now will mean war."

RECEPTION AT NORMAL SCHOOL FOR THIRD CLASS

Last evening the young Women's Christian Association of the Provincial Normal School gave a reception for those who will next week stand the third class examinations. The guests were received in the gymnasium which was nicely decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. After some interesting games and guessing contests the following program was carried out:

Piano duet—Mrs. J. E. Page and Miss Lipsett.
Solo—Mrs. W. S. Carter.
Reading—Miss Lynds.
Solo—Dr. Bridges.
Meak Twain's Account of an Encounter with an Interviewer—Messrs. Copp and Hemington.
Solo—Mrs. E. A. Good.
Reading—Miss Mabel Smith.
Solo—Prof. Smith.
Refreshments were served during the evening and a pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

GERMANY ACCEDES TO RECALL REQUEST

Washington, Dec. 10—Emperor William has personally recalled the naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, who, by their activity, rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government. The emperor requested the United States to use its good offices in securing safe conducts for the departing attaches, and for their successors, who will be named later.

A communication from the German foreign office announcing the action was delivered to Secretary of State Lansing today by Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who hurried here from New York when he was advised that a reply to the request of the United States had been received at the embassy from Berlin. Mr. Lansing, after a conference of five minutes with the ambassador, authorized the following statement: "The German ambassador has informed me that the emperor has been pleased to recall Captains Von Papen and Boy-Ed, in compliance with the wishes of the United States."

MAY SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Washington, Dec. 10—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with the loss of American lives. All officials here to continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn around the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany. The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary of State Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna foreign office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger ships shall not be attacked without warning, or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

The situation tonight is compared to the last days of the Arabic negotiations with Germany, when probably no one but President Wilson himself knew how close the country was to a severance of diplomatic relations with Berlin.

Officials of the state department will not discuss the American note, even so far as to say if they know whether it has reached Vienna, or when they expect to permit publication of it in this country. It is taken for granted in official circles, generally, however, that the communication, cabled last Tuesday, must have been delivered before this, and a reply is anxiously awaited.

A further complication of the situation developed today, when it was disclosed that an Austrian submarine, which shelled the American Standard Oil steamer Petrolite in the Mediterranean last week sent a boarding party to the Petrolite and took part of the ship's provisions. This news came in a consular despatch from Algiers, and was the first official word of the safety of the Petrolite, which was not greatly damaged by the shelling, and proceeded to Algiers, with one man slightly wounded.

YOU'LL BE SORRY IF YOU DON'T.

Don't miss the opportunity at Edgecombe's to secure one of those winter coats or suits and save money by spending it.

BAND TO PLAY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARTY TO CHURCH

The Fredericton Brass Band will play the Roman Catholic party of the 36th Field Battery to St. Dunstan's Church tomorrow morning. The bugleband of the battery will accompany the Protestant party to St. Paul's Presbyterian church where Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith, chaplain of the 71st York Regt., will be the preacher. The Protestant party of C. Company 104th Battalion will also attend service at St. Paul's Presbyterian church. Capt. H. P. Osborne in command. The Roman Catholic party will attend service at St. Dunstan's church. Major and Mrs. C. G. Pincombe will leave for St. John tonight. The major will speak Sunday night at the recruiting meeting at the Imperial Theatre.

Capt. Teed of the 36th Field Battery left for his home in St. John this morning on two days' leave. Recruiting has been light since yesterday no men being enrolled this morning. W. J. Kelly and C. Percy Edgecombe to join the 104th Battalion Band and J. Morehouse and H. Perry to join the 104th Battalion.

HOME ON LEAVE.

The last of the four parties of the overseas draft of the 36th Field Battery left on leave last night, the artillerymen taking the last opportunity of visiting their homes before sailing for England.

London, Dec. 11—The Latest news from the Balkans indicate that the Allies are still falling back but without suffering the losses endured the first days of the retreat when the pursuing Bulgarians attacked the rear guard repeatedly.

Paris, Dec. 11—Reports that the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by artillery fire.

HAS A SERIOUS LOOK

London, Dec. 11—The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki despatch stating that Gievveli had been occupied by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within range of the invaders guns. Gievveli is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river and commands the railroad north from Saloniki.

NO SETTLEMENT YET

London, Dec. 11—Diplomatic negotiations with Greece seem to be no nearer a settlement although the retreat of the Allie's troops makes some definite reply from Athens hourly more vital.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK

London, Dec. 11—The British steamer Busiria has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was landed at Alexandria.

EVACUATING LEMBERG

London, Dec. 11—Petrograd has a report from Kiev that the Austrians and Germans are evacuating Lemberg, the capital of Galicia.

HUNGARY WANTS PEACE

New York, Dec. 11—A News Agency despatch from London today says: "The Exchange Telegraph Company's Geneva correspondent telegraphed today that he has learned, from reliable sources, that Hungary is resolved to make peace, without the consent of either Austria or Germany."

"Great demonstrations in favor of peace are occurring throughout Hungary," the correspondent reported.

SAVING VOLUNTARY SYSTEM

London, Dec. 11—The rush of "last minute men" who desire to escape the stigma of being forced to join the colors, if conscription should be adopted continued today, the last day, but one of the trial period for the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan. Lines formed at the recruiting stations as early as 5 o'clock this morning and remained there all day.