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REPORT THAT RUSSIANS HAVE CROSSED THE ROUMANIAN FRONTIER UNCONFIRMED; SOME ACTIVITY IN THE DARDANELLES

FATE OF MONASTIR NO LONGER IN DOUBT

Surrendered on Wednesday to the Teutonic Powers Says an Athens Despatch --Negotiations With Greece Are Still Going on---Russian Hosts Reported to Have Crossed the Roumanian Frontier---Artillery Active in the West.

London, Dec. 3--Monastir has fallen, according to an Athens despatch to The Times.

An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, dated Thursday night, says it is reported in Athens, but not yet officially confirmed, that Monastir surrendered on Wednesday to a joint mission of Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians.

London, Dec. 2--Italy, through her foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, has announced her adherence to the Treaty of London, whereby the allied powers undertake not to conclude a separate peace, and at the same time has declared her intention of sending help to the Serbian army in the Balkans.

This news, the most important for some days, it is believed here will go far to clear the situation, especially in Greece, where negotiations are still proceeding between King Constantine, his cabinet and the ministers of the Quadruple Entente. These negotiations have been protracted owing to Greece's unwillingness to allow the Allies free use of the railways and the right to police Greek waters against submarines.

GREECE NOW MUST GIVE IN.

They are not yet completed, but the latest advices indicate that they are likely to end in complete satisfaction to the Entente Powers, the assistance that Italy, as well as Great Britain, France and Russia, is to give military support to the Serbians in their efforts to regain their lost territory, making the case for Greek assistance stronger.

Otherwise the situation in the Balkans remains unchanged. The Serbians still hold Monastir, but their position is almost hopeless, as the Bulgarians have cut communications between that city and the Greek frontier and the Serbian troops must, like the army of the north, retreat from Albania when the pressure becomes too strong.

There is a report that the Russians have crossed the Roumanian border and are marching through that country to Bulgaria. This, however, lacks confirmation and such a movement is hardly likely to occur unless Roumania gave her permission, which would be tantamount to joining the Allies.

Another report credits the Russians with diverting their Bessarabian army toward Galicia, where a big offensive is to be undertaken. This, likewise, is unconfirmed.

TALK OF PEACE.

On the other fronts, Italian, French and Russian, artillery bombardments are the order of the day. The British French and Belgian guns have been particularly active, also the airmen in Flanders, and the German positions have been given a rather severe battering. British monitors took part in these operations, suggesting that this may be the point where the next offensive will be undertaken.

There is still a good deal of talk in the neutral press about peace, based on reports from Germany of the activity of the Socialists, and from Austria on dissatisfaction there with alleged German attempts to take control of the internal administration, as has been the case in military affairs.

It is considered significant that all the new Austrian members are men with German leanings, which is thought to mean that the German party has been successful.

SAY ITALIANS LANDED.

Paris, Dec. 2--Detachments of Italian troops were landed at Avlona, Albania, on Tuesday, according to information from a reliable source in Athens, a dispatch to The Temps from the Greek capital today says.

SURRENDER ARRANGED.

Paris, Dec. 2--Despatches from Saloniki and Florence, Greece, forwarded by way of Athens and Rome, say that arrangements have been made for the surrender of Monastir.

It is said a commission consisting of the Greek consul, the Serbian metropolitan and the mayor of Monastir has been appointed to negotiate terms of surrender with German and Bulgarian representatives.

TO MEET RUSSIAN ATTACK.

London, Dec. 3--Unconfirmed reports from Saloniki to the London morning papers state that the Austro-German forces, which were in possession of the Veles district, have been suddenly deflected toward the Bulgarian-Roumanian frontier, to meet a possible Russian attack. According to these despatches there is a feeling that the Bulgarian army might not fight against the Russians with the same spirit as against the Serbians.

BIG WAR ORDERS FOR CANADIANS

Ottawa, Dec. 2--So far Canada's shell orders from Great Britain total twenty million shells, and the money value of the orders is estimated at \$220,000,000. With additional orders expected between now and the end of the year, amounting to \$180,000,000, the total of war orders for shells and fixed ammunition alone will amount to the tremendous figure of \$375,000,000.

Up to now deliveries of shells from Canada have aggregated about 3,500,000 shells.

These were some of the interesting facts given by General Alexander Bertram, deputy chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, in an address to the Canadian Association of Civil Engineers today.

General Bertram declared that to fill the shell orders already placed and those pending, 45,000,000 pounds of copper and brass would be needed, 1,500,000 pounds of tin, 10,000,000 pounds of resin and about 800,000,000 pounds of steel. The steel requirements, he said, would tax to the limit the output of every plant in Canada, while the new industry of copper and zinc refining in Canada would be given an unlimited market, with high prices for the output.

General Bertram further declared that not one complaint had been, so far, received from the war office regarding any of the shells shipped from Canada.

POTATO PRICES.

Harland Orsiver.--At some points \$2.50 was paid for New Brunswick potatoes early this week. This was more than the market warranted and was the result of a conflict between rival buyers. The price at all points today is \$2.

TORY M.P.P. GRAFTED ON WAR HORSES

Member of Ontario Legislature Took a Rakeoff On 363 Horses.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 2--Some rather startling testimony was given today regarding the purchase of horses before the Sir Charles Davidson commission by James R. Fallis, Conservative member of the legislature for Peel county. He stated that 363 horses were purchased in Peel county, and every one was bought from him or his firm. He testified that he had visited Ottawa and had a letter from the militia department recommending him to the government inspectors, and authorizing the purchase of horses in the county. When he returned he formed a partnership with E. T. Jones, a horse dealer of Brampton. The horses purchased under this partnership were sold to the government at an advance on the price paid to the vendor. The total profits he placed at less than \$3,000. He admitted that he had been playing safe, buying only after the horses had passed inspection. He claimed he had a right to do so.

"It was my business, and legitimate business," he said. "The government wanted the horses, and had to have them."

"So the farmers got less and the government paid more as a result of your intervention," commented Sir Charles Davidson.

He denied that he told the farmers that they could not sell without his intervention.

A number of witnesses were heard during the day. It was stated that an animal sold to Fallis by his former partner, Jones, had had the white on less and nose eradicated by the application of black dye. "The dyeing was done as a joke, it wasn't necessary," said Jones, adding that his man had made a good job of it.

James Young, stableman for Jones testified that he had got "the stuff" in Rochester two years ago, and had just "touched" the horse up as an experiment.

"The intention was obviously to deceive," remarked the commissioner.

Albert Kee, who submitted twenty-two horses for purchase, testified that he had given Jones \$110 for his influence in getting the inspectors to visit his stables. Pressed for an explanation as to whether this unusual amount had not been the result of an estimate of \$5 per horse for the twenty-two, Mr. Kee said:

"I just pulled it out of a pocket and handed to him."

The investigation was adjourned until tomorrow morning, when the commission resumes its work in Toronto.

TOTAL SUBSCRIBED ABOUT \$110,000,000

Ottawa, Dec. 2--Canadian subscriptions to the fifty million dollar war loan are practically all in. They reach the total of \$110,000,000. The finance department has furnished the allotment of the bonds applied for and that the certificates are being forwarded to the subscribers. The small subscribers get the entire amount. The large subscribers, including some of the banks, would like to obtain the full amount of the bonds they subscribed for, even if the fifty million maximum set for the issue should be exceeded.

There is a gathering of leading bankers today discussing financial questions with Hon. Mr. White.

The Red Cross Society of St. Anne's will hold a Pantry Sale, Saturday, Dec. 4th at 89 Westmorland street, near Queen street.

London, Dec. 4--Circumstantial accounts of the occupation of Monastir in South Western Serbia by an Austro-German force and the cutting of telegraphic communication with the city are regarded here as ample evidence that the Macedonian capital has fallen although no official report to that effect has reached London.

London, Dec. 3--Messages received today from Athens reiterated the report that the Russians have crossed the Roumanian frontier and entered Bulgarian territory, but no confirmation from other sources.

ON THE OTHER FRONTS

London, Dec. 3--Artillery and mining operations occupy the fighters along the Western battle line. Fog and incessant rain are delaying the operations on the Austro-Italian front.

LITTLE NEWS FROM EAST

London, Dec. 3--Except for Russian reports of minor successes on the Dvina in the north and on Styr, in Galicia, no news has been received from the Russian front.

IN THE DARDANELLES

London, Dec. 3--Reports from the Dardanelles indicate that the combatants are engaged almost continuously in minor encounters, which do not seem to have any marked effect on their respective positions.

QUIET IN THE WEST

Paris, Dec. 3--The official reports tell of no incidents of importance on the Western front last night.

RUSSIANS COMING BACK

London, Dec. 3--The next forward movement of the Russian armies will be in a number of millions, not army corps, according to the statement of high army officials. The armies are in better shape than for many months, said this official, and quite capable of moving forward at any point. But the new broad plan of campaign contemplates much more than the taking of towns and territory by drives at this point and that.

IN SUPREME COMMAND

Paris, Dec. 3--General Joffre has been appointed commander-in-chief of all the French armies, except those in North Africa, including Morocco, and dependent ministry colonies. This means he will have control of the operations in the Balkans and of French force at the Dardanelles.