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ROUMANIA MAY SOON SEND AN ULTIMATUM TO THE TEUTONIC ALLIES; ITALIANS ARE DETERMINED TO CAPTURE GORIZIA

HEAVY FIGHTING ON THE ITALIAN FRONT

King Victor Emmanuel's Troops Are Carrying on an Energetic Offensive Against the Austrians---Quarter of a Million Serbians Take Refuge in Albania---Greece Will Ultimately Join the Entente Powers---War Council to Meet on Thursday.

London, Nov. 30—With the retreat of the greater part of the Serbian army across the Albanian frontier, the slowness of the operations against Montenegro and in Northern Serbia owing to the wintry weather and the absence of any major operations on the western and eastern fronts, interest in the military side of the war is now transferred to the Austro-Italian frontier, where King Victor Emmanuel's troops are carrying on an energetic offensive against the Austrians.

The fighting on this front has been the most sustained and the fiercest battle of the whole war. For weeks the Italians have been attacking the Austrian brigade-heads and mountain positions along the Isonzo River, and are slowly but surely drawing their nets around Tolmino, Gorizia and Dobruja. Their attacks have been repeated time after time against positions which had been most carefully prepared and, while the Austrians report that most of their assaults have been repulsed, their accounts are considered here to have been so worded as to prepare the public for the retirement from Gorizia, at least.

This, for the time being, is Italy's contribution to the Balkan operations of the Allies, for it keeps a large force of Austrians busy and makes it necessary for them continually to bring up reinforcements, which could be carefully employed against the Montenegrins and Serbians.

MAY COME BACK STRONG.

The Serbians, unless followed into Albania, will, in time, probably reappear as a rejuvenated army, for it is said that two hundred and fifty thousand men of them, including soldiers and citizens, have taken refuge there, and that they have saved all their mountain batteries and a portion of their field guns. Also included in this number are all the youths who can fill the gaps when equipment reaches them from the Adriatic.

German papers state that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army, with Bulgarians and Turks, is to be directed against the Anglo-French forces in the south, but doubtless many of them are going down the Danube to meet the Russian army, which the emperor recently reviewed in Bessarabia, but apparently the negotiations with Roumania for the use of the Danube have not been completed. A Budapest report goes so far as to say that Roumania has refused her permission to the Russians to use the river through Roumania territory, which would be the more convenient route for an attack on Western Bulgaria.

There also seems to be some hutch in the Allies' negotiations with Greece, for nothing is yet forthcoming as to the latter country's reply to the latest demands for guarantees of safety and facilities for the Entente's armies operating near the Greek frontier. The Greek reply was expected yesterday and the delay in its receipt leads to the supposition that the Greek cabinet is not prepared to go as far as the Entente Powers desire.

Artillery, grenade throwers, miners, sappers and airmen continue their activity on the western front, and British monitors are also working things lively for the Germans along the Belgian coast.

The Russians, by a counter attack in the region of Ilokst, have driven Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's men a little further from the Dvina River. These, however, are only incidents, doubtless undertaken to test the strength of the opposing force.

ULTIMATELY WITH US.

London, Dec. 1—Denys Cochin, minister without portfolio in the French cabinet, while in Rome expressed the belief that Greece ultimately would take up arms on the side of the Entente Powers, according to The Morning Post's correspondent at Rome.

GERMANY THREATENS GREECE.

London, Dec. 1—Telegraphing from Athens, The Morning Post's correspondent says: "The Necon Asty, the organ of former Premier Gounaris, publishes a statement which it says was obtained from a diplomatic source, that Germany and Austria are preparing to warn Greece that if the demands of the Entente Allies are accepted, and Saloniki is made the base of their military operations, the Central Powers will no longer regard Greek territory as that of a friendly state."

PREPARING FOR RUSSIANS.

London, Dec. 1—A despatch to The Morning Post from Bucharest, dated Tuesday, says:

"Feverish preparations are being made at Ruscuk, on the Danube, west of the Roumanian border, to accommodate fifty thousand Austro-German troops who are due to arrive there shortly. Many officers, with war materials, already have arrived."

"Four Austrian monitors are patrolling the Danube along the whole length of the Bulgarian shore, to where the Bulgarian frontier joins the frontier of Roumania."

TRENCHES SHATTERED.

Paris, Nov. 30—The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"The day has been one of rain, mist and thaw in Champagne. Beyond the usual cannonade nothing has been reported on the entire front, other than grenade fighting in Artois, in the region of Loos and in Alsace, where effective firing by our artillery shattered enemy trenches north of Muehlbach in the Valley of the Fecht."

WAR COUNCIL TO MEET.

London, Nov. 30—Earl Kitchener will meet his colleagues in the war council of the cabinet on Thursday. At that time he will convey to them the results of his observations in the various battle fronts and his conferences at the capitals of the countries he visited.

LONG SEASON OF NAVIGATION.

The St. John River is still open, although this is the first day of December. If business were offering, the river steamers would be plying between this city and St. John. As it is, they are still on the lower river. The record of the opening and the closing of the river at this city since 1825 shows that in only fourteen years has the river been open later than this year.

TRYING TO DODGE CARTER LIBEL SUIT

The Attorney General Wants the Case Dismissed on Technical Grounds.

St. John, Dec. 1—An attempt to block the case upon purely technical grounds was made by counsel for the defendant in the case of E. S. Carter vs. The Standard, Limited, a suit for damages for libel, when it came up before Justice McKeown in the circuit court yesterday morning.

Argument of counsel was heard this morning before Justice McKeown on return of a summons to show cause why the action should not be dismissed, on the ground that not sufficient notice was given to the defendant as required by the Libel Act. The act says that notice should be given to the defendant setting out the particular language complained of at least five days before the commencement of the suit. It is admitted that a notice in proper form was served on Alexander W. Thorne, a reporter, while the editor and the business manager were absent from the city. Dr. Baxter, K. C., for the defendant, argued that, according to the act, service should be made in the same manner as a writ of summons, which the Judicature Act requires to be served on an officer or director of the company, or a clerk, and he cited a case which judicially defined the word "clerk" as meaning a principal clerk, not a subordinate. Mr. Baxter contended that Mr. Thorne had no connection with the business office or management, and at the time of the service that he was not in the head office of the company, where the act requires service to be made; but on the top door of the building, which is used by the editorial department, Peter J. Hughes for the plaintiff, argued that under the Joint Stock Companies Act notices were required to be served on any grown-up employee at the head office of the company. Under this act, he contended, that service, in this case, was good and effective. Judgment in this motion will be given later. F. B. Carvell, K. C., who is counsel for the plaintiff, was also present.

In dismissing the special jury yesterday morning Judge McKeown said that he could not tell when they would be required, but that, as the criminal cases on the docket would be dealt with first, it might be several weeks before they would be called upon.

In the afternoon the plaintiff gave notice of an application before T. C. Allen, registrar of court, for the purpose of striking from the record the portion of the defendant's defence referring to "Progress," which the plaintiff at one time edited, and the particulars in connection therewith.

Judge McKeown granted the summons staying the hand of registrar and bringing the matter before himself. After argument he decided that he had no jurisdiction and sent it back to the registrar to be judicated, with costs upon the defendant.

The hearing before the registrar, it is believed, will come up on Thursday. No date for hearing has been settled.

MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

The provincial executive of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is in session in this city this afternoon.

APPOINTED TO THE BATTERY.

Lieut. Shreve, who has been attached to the 26th Field Battery for some time, has been appointed lieutenant provisionally in that corps, bringing the officers of the battery up to the full complement.

London, Dec. 1—Roumania's attitude is reported to be causing the Teutonic allies much uneasiness. It is believed here that Roumania only awaits the presence in the Balkans of a preponderate Entente military force before sending an ultimatum to the Teutons.

Greece has not yet definitely decided her attitude towards the Allies.

THE FATE OF MONASTIR

(SPECIAL TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 1—The Fate of Monastir, reported to have fallen before the Bulgars remains obscure notwithstanding definite reports that neutral consuls in the city had arranged to turn it over to attackers after the withdrawing of the Serbians. Late despatches state that telegraphic communication with the city is still maintained and indicated that it had not been entirely evacuated.

RUSSIANS ARE CONFIDENT

London, Dec. 1—On the Eastern front things have been comparatively quiet. The Russians are reported to be greatly strengthened on the Riga line and imbued with confidence they can shatter the German defenses when a forward movement is deemed expedient.

WILL CAPTURE GORIZIA

London, Dec. 1—Vienna reports that the Italians seem determined to capture Gorizia with the least possible loss of time, but progress against the defenses of the town is exceedingly slow.

AN OFFICIAL REPORT

London, Dec. 1—The admiralty this evening gave out additional details concerning the sinking of a German submarine off Middelkerke last Sunday by a bomb dropped from a British aeroplane, and also made announcement that a German seaplane had been brought down off Ostend. The Admiralty statement says:

"On Nov. 28 Flight Sub-Lieutenant Viney, accompanied by a French officer, Lieut. Le Compte De Sincay, while patrolling off the Belgian coast, dropped a bomb on a German submarine. The submarine was observed to have had her back broken. She sank in a few minutes."

"During the same day Flight Lieut. Ferrand, with air mechanic Oldfield, in a seaplane, shot down a German Albatross seaplane off Ostend. The Albatross dived, nose first, into the sea, and sank."

BRITISH FLEET ENGAGED OFF BELGIUM

London, Dec. 1—German positions on the Belgian coast from Zeebrugge to Ostend were bombarded for two hours this morning by a British squadron, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.