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MEMBERS OF BRITISH WAR COUNCIL ON A VISIT TO PARIS; ANOTHER ITALIAN STEAMER WAS TORPEDOED BY A SUBMARINE

SITUATION IN SERBIA NOT MUCH CHANGED

Attitude of Greece Causing the Entente Powers Much Concern---Big Fleet of Allied Warships off Saloniki Thought to Have Made an Impression on King Constantine---Lord Kitchener Reported to be at Athens.

London, Nov. 16--With the increasing gravity from the Allies' viewpoint of the military situation in Serbia, the attitude of Greece towards the armies of the Entente Powers has become a matter of the deepest concern and an effort is being made to induce the Greek government to definitely state its intentions.

It is said that the presence at Saloniki of a large number of French and British warships, with transports, has made some impression on King Constantine and his advisers. But, with so much at stake, nothing short of a positive guarantee of the safety of the French, British and Serbian troops, should they be compelled by circumstances to retire into Greece, will satisfy London and Paris, the ministers of which capitals are being strongly supported by the Russian and Italian representatives.

KITCHENER AT ATHENS.

The presence of Lord Kitchener, the British secretary of war, in the Aegean and of Denys Cochin, a member of the French cabinet, at Athens, it is hoped here, will help to clear up a very complicated situation. The time, however, is short, for the Bulgarians have been strongly reinforced, both in Central and Southern Serbia, and, besides attempting a flanking movement against the Serbians at Babuna Pass, thereby threatening Philip and Monastir, are opposing formidable forces to the French at Gradska and along the left bank of the Cerna.

Thus far the Serbians are holding the Babuna Pass and the French their original position, but the pressure is necessarily being felt by troops who have been fighting for days without cessation.

In the north, the Austro-Germans, who have joined hands with the Bulgarians west of Nish, are moving slowly and steadily but doubtless cautiously, owing to the presence of the unbeaten Montenegrins with perhaps some support, harassing them in the west.

MORE TROOPS ON WAY.

A despatch received tonight from Vienna by way of Zurich, says that British and Italian troops are endeavoring to reach the battlefield where the Serbians are awaiting them, but does not say from what point they are coming. The near east will be watched with considerable anxiety for the next few days.

On the other fronts there is little to report. Both the Belgian and Petrograd statements report quiet generally. On the Styr River, however, the Russians are still fighting for the river crossings.

In the west the weather is wintry and there has been only artillery and mining activity. The ground has hardened, however, and movements which could not be attempted in the mud might soon be possible.

BRITISH ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

London, Nov. 16--An official communication from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, made public here tonight says:

"Since my communication of Nov. 16 the artillery on both sides has been active, especially south of the La Bassée Canal, east of Kemmel, and east of Ypres. There have been no infantry actions. There has been considerable mining activity."

BULGARIANS REPULSED.

Paris, Nov. 16--The following official communication was issued by the war office tonight:

"The day was characterized only by artillery action, which was especially intense in Champagne, in the Argonne, in the Woevre, in the Forest of Apremont and in Alsace, in the region of Ammertzwiller."

The Belgian official communication says:

"The night of November 15-16 was quiet. Today a somewhat violent bombardment of our advanced position and of a number of points on our front to the north of Dixmude occurred. Some projectiles were thrown on our lines to the south of that locality, as well as against St. Jacques Capelle and Oudecapelle. Our artillery replied vigorously to the German batteries, cannonading the enemy trenches and dispersing military pioneers before several points."

"Army of the east:

"The Bulgarians renewed their violent attack on Nov. 14 against our front on the left bank of the Cerna. They were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses."

"Calm prevails on the whole front, along the left bank of the Vardar."

"The debarkation of French and British troops at Saloniki continues without incident."

COL. MERSEREAU TO COMMAND BATTALION

Chatham, N. B., Nov. 16--Mayor Hickey has received word that Lieutenant-Colonel George W. Mersereau has been appointed commanding officer of the North Shore Battalion to be recruited from the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland and Kent, and instructions have been received to commence recruiting for the new corps, which will be known as the 132nd Battalion, and will be officered by North Shore men.

Colonel Mersereau is in Halifax today, arranging details at the divisional headquarters, and upon his return, active recruiting campaigns will be carried on in the four counties. The only recruiting officer in the county of Northumberland is Captain Jones, of the wireless station, Newcastle, and he is already signing on men, four being sent up from Chatham yesterday besides the Newcastle men who signed on.

It is said that all the men and officers of the 73rd Regiment now doing garrison duty at Newcastle have volunteered, numbering three officers and seventy-three non-coms. and men.

It is expected that the battalion will be quartered in Campbellton, Newcastle, Chatham and Richibucto. Judging from the number of men who signify their intention of joining, there does not appear to be very great difficulty in recruiting the new battalion to full strength in a comparatively short time. One report says that Campbellton has already enrolled 100 men and the other centres are going to do everything possible to raise the battalion in as short a time as possible.

LOOKS LIKE REVOLUTION IN GREECE

Saloniki, Nov. 15, via Paris, Nov. 16--Anti-dynastic demonstrations are reported on good authority to have occurred at Patras, one of the strongholds of ex-Premier Venizelos, and also the home of former Premier Gounaris, who now represents it in the chamber of deputies.

While the intentions of King Constantine and the government with respect to the Balkan situation have not been defined, rumors have been current that the Entente Allies troops may be requested to quit Greek soil. A significant feature of the tense situation is the material increase recently in the number of Allied warships in the harbor at Saloniki, and more are expected to arrive daily.

The organ of ex-Premier Venizelos at Saloniki, says:

"Martial law and an oligarchy are in unlawful possession of the power. There will be no demoralization; yet elections will be held. Fifty Venizelist deputies who were mobilized, requested the postponement of the date of their enrollment to enable them to conduct their electoral campaigns. The ministry of war refused the request. This unhappy preamble says much for the intentions of the Skouloudis cabinet. The new chamber will represent anything but the nation."

TRI-COLOR IN ATHENS WINDOWS

Athens, via Paris, Nov. 16--Many of the Athens merchants decorated their establishments today with the French tri-color in honor of the arrival of Denys Cochin, minister without portfolio in the French cabinet.

The local newspapers attribute great importance to the visit of Mr. Cochin.

RUSSIAN NAVY ACTIVE.

London, Nov. 17--A despatch to the Vossische Zeitung, Berlin, from Bucharest reports that fifteen units of the Russian Black Sea Fleet, including three recently launched dreadnoughts, have been cruising for two days off the Bulgarian coast.

THE CUP OF LIFE

Great Moral Drama which has wonderful possibilities.

It is doubtful if the Gaiety Theatre management has even been able to offer to its numerous patrons, a picture of more wholesome goodness, and great teachings than the five part Mutual Masterpiece "The Cup of Life" with Bessie Larrissale in the title role, supported by a cast of rare excellence, which will be presented at the Gaiety Theatre today and Thursday. If it were not easier to view this wholesome moral motion drama "The Cup of Life" at the local theatre where the facilities for presenting to the public are the best available," said a clergyman in a large eastern city recently. "I would favor making this picture a part of our Sunday morning service."

ENDORSED BOTH ACTIONS.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Fredericton met at the Board of Trade Rooms last night, Mr. A. Murray presiding. The association, by unanimous vote, endorsed the action of the City Council in moving for the tationing of more troops in Fredericton during the winter and also the action of the Board of Trade in making a move toward having a union station erected in Fredericton by the various railroads entering the city.

TO WED IN DECEMBER.

Private James King, late of the 13th Battalion, wounded three times in France, is to marry Miss Catherine McGrath of this city, December 6. The bride-to-be formerly resided in Chatham. The wedding will take place at St. Dunstan's church.

Paris, Nov. 16--Premier Asquith, Hon. David Lloyd George, Hon. A. J. Balfour and Sir Edward Grey arrived in Paris today to confer with the Heads of the French government on the conduct of the war.

Athens, Nov. 16--It is reported that Lord Kitchener left Mudroe for Gallipoli.

Rome, Nov. 16--The Italian statement reports severe fighting in several sections, but not any material change.

Londn, Nov. 15--The rush of recruits yesterday was greater than at any time since the war.

MAY DISARM ALLIED TROOPS

London, Nov. 17--Athens' despatches say that the Bulgarians have driven the Serbs from Babuna Pass. Fierce fight is raging between the Bulgarians and Anglo-French forces in the region of Strumnitza. It is reported that King Constantine has decided that he will disarm and intern all Allied troops who may be driven from Serbia to Greece.

ANOTHER STEAMER SUNK

Rome, Nov. 16--The Italian passenger steamer Bormida has been sunk off the Sicilian coast by a submarine. All on board are reported to have been saved. An Italian torpedo flotilla sank an Austrian submarine off the Sardinian coast.

FIGHTING IN THE WEST

Paris, Nov. 16--Heavy artillery fighting in the vicinity of Fontenoy, in Champagne and about Fliery in Woevec region is reported in French official statement but otherwise it is quiet.

BULGARIANS REPULSED

Saloniki, via Paris, Nov. 16--General Sarril, commander-in-chief of the French army in the Balkans, in announcing the result of a thirty-six hour battle on Cerna river, in Southern Serbia, declares that thirty thousand Bulgarians were repulsed along the whole line, with heavy casualties. Not one French gun was lost.

The Austro-German effort to envelop the Serbian armies in the north, it is also announced, has failed, and the Serbian counter-offensive is proceeding successfully.

HUNS CLAIM GAINS ON STYR

Berlin, via Sayville Wireless, Nov. 16--Austrian and Hungarian forces have entirely cleared the west bank of the Styr of the Russian troops, the Vienna War office announced today. Toward the northern extremity of the eastern line the Germans under Marsial Von Hindenburg repulsed a Russian attack near Smorgen.