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ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES ARE REFORMING CLOSE TO GREEK TERRITORY; GERMAN CHANCELLOR DECLINED TO TALK PEACE

BALKAN SITUATION LOOKING SERIOUS

The Teutons' Threaten to Outflank the Anglo-French Troops Sent to the Assistance of the Serbians—Allies Continue to Land Troops at Saloniki—Quietness Prevails on Other Fronts—Premier Asquith replies to Question about Peace.

London, Dec. 8.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Renali, on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces while Bulgarians, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the Allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza. Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivolak salient, and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapou, in a deep gorge about twenty miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki Railway runs. Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who, according to the French reports, were repulsed.

The plans of neither the Allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbians, and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the Allies to Demirkapou has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise, but the continued landing of troops at Saloniki would seem to deny any such intention, while there is a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operations in the Near East.

There is little news from the other fronts. The Germans have scored a minor success in Champagne, where they captured about five hundred yards of a French trench, part of which, however, has been regained; the British have received reinforcements at Kut-el-Amara, where they are making their stand after the retreat from Ctesiphon, and the Italians, who for the past two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting the Austrian counter-attacks.

The expected offensive of the Allies in Gallipoli apparently did not materialize, while throughout Russia the wintry weather has put a stop to all but small ventures.

TWO ARMIES THREATEN ALLIES

Paris, Dec. 8.—It is reported that an important Bulgarian force, estimated in some quarters to number as many as four divisions, is being concentrated in the region of Dorian, about half way between Saloniki and the northern extremity of the French front, says a despatch to The Temps from Saloniki. Simultaneously German forces are forming in front of the allied lines.

The German forces, according to the despatch, are probably of the army of General Von Gallwitz, which, since the Austro-German army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen and the Bulgarian army of General Boyadjieff have effected a junction, has been detached from the mass and sent toward the south, while General Von Koevess and General Boyadjieff continue operations against the Serbians and Montenegrins. Quiet prevails in Saloniki.

London, Dec. 8.—"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy governments either directly or through a neutral power they will first be discussed by the Allies' governments. Until this contingent arises I cannot give any further pledge."

The foregoing was Premier Asquith's reply made in the House of

Commons today to the request of Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, for a pledge that no proposals for negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory shall be rejected by the British government without the knowledge of parliament.

Mr. Asquith added: "As soon as proposals for peace are put forward, it will be the desire of the government to take the earliest possible moment."

DOES NOT LOOK LIKE PEACE.

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—A despatch received here from Budapest contains an outline of a speech made by Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, in the Diet on the subject of peace. "The conclusion of peace," said Count Tisza, "depends exclusively on our enemies. The longer it takes to convince them that further prosecution of the war is nothing but useless and criminal carnage the greater will be our victory. The greater the sacrifices which the war entails the more severe will be the terms of peace for our enemies."

Count Tisza expressed regret that the policy of Roumania seemed to be fluctuating, although, he said, her natural place was on the side of the Central Powers. He was unable to deal with the question of Greece, he added, as he was confronted by difficulties which any declaration by his government could only aggravate. "On the other hand," Count Tisza continued, "we must take such a course as will enable Greece to occupy in time of peace the position which is naturally due her."

LIEUT. HERBERT P. OSBORNE PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Major C. G. Pincombe, officer commanding C Company, 104th Battalion, announced this morning that Lieut. Hubert P. Osborne had been promoted to the rank of captain in the company, the promotion to date from December 8. Capt. Osborne belongs to Fredericton and ranks as a lieutenant in the 71st York Regiment, to which he was appointed some months ago. He is a son of Ald. W. J. Osborne of this city, who is now serving as major in the 55th Battalion in England.

The 36th Field Battery is now giving its drivers some drill in the handling of gun-teams. The battery has been issued with enough harness, of an old pattern, however, to hook in two six-horse teams. This morning the two teams were out with ammunition wagons. Yesterday they took four guns to the C.P.R. station for shipment to London, Ont. The guns are of the old twelve-pound type. Major A. H. Anderson of St. John, ordnance officer, will be here tomorrow to make the necessary arrangements for the shipping of the guns. One recruit was enlisted at the local recruiting office this morning. He is Alexander Davidson, 24, Fredericton. He is the second man enlisted here for the 115th Battalion.

Mr. R. H. Simonds, Publicity Commissioner, is prevented from being present at his office by illness

WILL GREECE RESIST THE ALLIED POWERS

London, Dec. 8.—Telegraphing from Rome the Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"The latest advices received from Greece emphasize the importance of the Greek preparations in two directions—military resistance, if it is necessary, to armed compulsion by the Entente Powers, and for resistance to a blockade."

"The advices agree that preparations against a commercial blockade are being carried out with the utmost rapidity, on a large scale. German agents give confidential hints that the chief Greek routes are being thoroughly protected by submarines. The seizure of Capt. Arthur Stanley Wilson, member of parliament for Yorkshire, and Col. H. D. Natter, former British military attaché at Constantinople, who were taken off Greek steamers by Teutonic submarines, was broadly intended as a dramatic coup to revive Greek confidence in the German submarines."

"According to the pro-German press, King Constantine and Premier Skouloudis are merely temporizing, as Bulgaria did, in the hope of keeping the Entente Allies waiting until the German preparations for driving the Entente Allies into the sea, make it safe for Greece to come out on the German side."

"In the meantime every possible annoyance is being placed in the way of the Entente Allies at Saloniki. Promised transport facilities are being withheld and lines of communication are blocked by Greek transport."

LECTURE ON WAR PRODUCED UPWARDS OF \$100

The lecture upon the war in France and Belgium given at the City Opera House last night by Mons. G. Marcel Andre of Paris, under the auspices of the Sir Howard Douglas Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, was an unqualified success. The receipts amounted to \$101.30 net. The audience was a large one and the lecture proved to be of great interest. The Fredericton Brass Band played several selections and the men of the 36th Field Battery also assisted. The proceeds are to go to the Red Cross and to the purchase of comforts for the soldiers.

Mons. Andre gave an interesting lecture upon the cities of France, which have been within the war zone. He illustrated his remarks by lantern views.

ISLINGTON LODGE, SONS OF ENGLAND, ELECTS OFFICERS

Officers of Islington Lodge, Sons of England, were elected last night for the ensuing year. They are as follows:

President—Bro. Oscar Harris.
Vice President—Bro. J. Wright.
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. Dean Neales.
Financial Sec.—Bro. W. Raymond.
Recording Sec.—Bro. F. Barnes.
Treasurer—Bro. J. Bebbington.
Surgeon—Dr. H. H. McNally.
1st Guide—Bro. S. Brannen.
2nd Guide—Bro. E. Bell.
3rd Guide—Bro. W. Cole.
4th Guide—Bro. W. Butcher.
5th Guide—Bro. E. Bowers.
6th Guide—Chas. Smith.
Inside Guard—Bro. John Smith.
Outside Guard—Bro. G. Smith.
Auditors—Bros. Reading, Barnes and Wright.
Trustees—Bros. A. D. Thomas and F. Barnes.
Delegate to Grand Lodge—Bro. A. D. Thomas.
Substitute—Bro. Reading.

London, Dec. 9.—German troops are reported at the Greek border with Anglo-French lines reforming almost within Greek territory. It is believed Greece cannot postpone a more definite revelation of the stand she expects to take should the area of Hostilities be transferred to her soil. Plans of the French and British troops in the Balkans are still a mystery

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 9.—The British steamers Veria and Goulondris have been sunk by enemy submarines

Paris, Dec. 9.—An Athens despatch says there has been severe fighting on the French front during the past twenty-four hours. According to press despatches from Saloniki the Bulgarians are said to have made no impression on the French lines in the Dorian-Demirkatou section

GERMANY AND PEACE

(SPECIAL TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 9.—The Imperial German Chancellor Von Hollweg today refused to state the positive terms of peace in reply to the demand made by German socialists. Instead, he made it plain to a great gathering in the Reichstag that any peace proposals must come from Germany's enemies.

AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN

(SPECIAL TO THE MAIL.)

London, Dec. 9.—Continued landing of reinforcements at Saloniki lends color to the theory that an aggressive campaign is contemplated.

THE ANCONA OUTRAGE

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of submarine attack on the Italian liner Ancona assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine, and reparation for the American lives lost

The communication was sent by cable yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian. Word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the department tonight.

PARLIAMENT TO MEET ON JAN. 12

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The formal proclamation summoning parliament will be issued in a day or so. As already forecasted, the date decided upon by the government is Wednesday, Jan. 12.