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FEW WEEKS MAY SEE TURKS FORCED TO YIELD GRIP IN THE DARDANELLES

London, Aug. 25 --- A despatch from Rome to the Daily Telegraph says the Balkan League is to be re-constructed with a provision for putting a combined army of 1,000,000 men in the field.

"SAM" HUGHES RECEIVES KNIGHTHOOD IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICES TO THE EMPIRE

Canada's Minister of Militia Created Knight Commander of the Bath by King George--Honor Conferred on Him Fitting and Well-Merited Recognition of the Splendid Work He Has Done--Has Had Brilliant Military Career.

London, Aug. 24.—Major General Sam Hughes, Canadian Minister of Militia, was knighted this afternoon during an audience with King George in Buckingham Palace.

Gen. Hughes was created a Knight Commander of the Bath.

Major General Sir Sam Hughes was the recipient today of many congratulations regarding his new honor. Going down to Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock, accompanied by the Colonial Secretary, the Minister of Militia received the investiture of K.C.B. at the hands of the King.

Further honors for Canadians may be expected this week.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—In connection with the knighthood conferred upon General Hughes it is noted that "K.C.B." is a civil as well as a military title, and ranks higher than K.C.M.G. The only other Canadian K.C.B. is Sir William Otter who commanded the Canadian troops in the South African war. The only member of the cabinet who has a higher rank than General Hughes is Sir Robert Borden, who is a member of the King's Privy Council.

It remains to be seen how the new knight will style himself. He was christened "Sam" and not Samuel, as is generally supposed, but may assume the whole name of the prophet of old, although that is unlikely.

News of the honor to General Hughes was well received in Ottawa where it had somehow become known that something of the kind awaited him in the Old Country. He has done magnificent work. His handling of the first contingent, the rapidity with which it was mobilized and equipped and sent to England was one of the finest feats in military history.

Has Had Brilliant Career.

Major-General Sir Sam Hughes has had a lengthy and very interesting military career. He was born Jan. 8, 1853. He entered the volunteer militia in early life, and served in the Fenian Raid, 1870, in which he received the general service medal, with clasp. He was gazetted lieutenant in the 45th regiment in 1873, and made captain and adjutant in 1878, and in 1897 was made acting brigade major of Military District No. 3. He visited New Zealand, Australia, and Fiji Islands in 1897-1898, in the interests of colonial assistance in Imperial wars, and was appointed acting brigadier at Niagara in 1899. He then took part in the South African war 1899-1900, in which he rose to be assistant to Colonel Wynter on transport to the Modder River, assistant to Inspector-General Sir H. Buller on lines of communication throughout all South Africa, chief of intelligence staff to Lieutenant-General Sir Charles Warren in Griqualand West, and Bechuanaland campaign, during the months of May to July, 1900. He then commanded a mounted troop, and led in the attacks on, and capture of Douglas and Orpen's Heights and Faber's Puts, and also led operations along Koop Mountains, at Tweesfontein, Ennorsfontein and Campbell, and commanded forces in advance into Bechuanaland, and was

**STR. SYLVIA
TORPEDOED**

London, Aug. 24.—The British steamer Sylvia has been sunk. Her crew was saved. Available shipping records give two British steamers named Sylvia. One of these arrived August 21 at Baltimore from Huelva, Spain. The other is a tank vessel of 5,268 tons. She was last reported as arriving at Halifax May 12.



MAJ.-GEN. SIR SAM HUGHES, K. C. B.

SIR ROBERT PUTS CANADA'S POSITION BEFORE ADMIRALTY

In Matter of Increased Transportation Facilities and Every Effort Promised to Prevent Congestion of Canadian Traffic.

London, Aug. 24, (Gazette Cable)—Sir Robert Borden had another important meeting today with the Minister of Munitions and the Colonial Secretary. A definite denial on his behalf was given on the reported purchase by the British government of the Canadian crop.

With regard to parliamentary plans, it is stated that the premier has deferred any decision until he meets his colleagues. "There will be no coalition government," stated Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P., emphatically, as the Liberals agree that there should be no controversial or political discussion, and it must be apparent, unless they are prepared to crystallize these ideas into necessary legislation for an extension of the term, there must be an election.

Concerning the negotiations for increased transportation facilities for grain and other products, he said that Sir Robert Borden had placed before the Admiralty, in the strongest possible light, the Canadian position. The Admiralty's attitude was entirely sympathetic, and, subject to the military transport exigencies, every reasonable effort would be made to prevent any congestion of Canadian traffic. Atlantic ship-owners, he continued, were exercising the utmost endeavors by payment of even excessive freight rates, to supply the necessary tonnage for the St. Lawrence traffic before the close of navigation.

BERLIN ASKS U.S. TO WITHHOLD JUDGMENT

Until All Facts Covering Arabic Incident Shall Have Been Secured.

LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES UNINTENTIONAL.

If U. S. Citizens Were Killed it Was Contrary to German Government's Designs and Sympathy of German Government Will be Tendered American Government.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, communicated to the State Department today instructions from his government expressing regret and sympathy if Americans lost their lives in the sinking of the liner Arabic, and asking that the United States delay taking a definite stand in regard to the affair until Germany could be heard from.

This was the first word from an official German source concerning the Arabic, on which two Americans perished. Its receipt was followed by an evident relaxation of the tension which had been growing here as days passed with no indication of a desire, on Germany's part to disclaim an intention of committing an act "deliberately unfriendly" toward the United States. No attempt was made either at the State Department or the White House to interpret the Ambassador's communication. Officials merely said that of course the American government would await the German explanation of the action of the submarine commander in sinking the liner.

Count Von Bernstorff telegraphed the State Department from New York the text of his instructions from Berlin. It follows:

"The German Ambassador received the following instructions from Berlin which he communicated to the Department of State: 'So far no official information available concerning the sinking of the Arabic. The German government trusts that the American government will not take a definite stand at the hearing of only the reports of one side which in the opinion of the Imperial government cannot correspond with the facts but that a chance will be given to Germany to be heard equal.'

"Although the Imperial government does not doubt the good faith of the witnesses whose statements are reported by the newspapers in Europe, it should be borne in mind that these statements are naturally made under excitement which might easily produce wrong impressions. If Americans should actually have lost their lives this would naturally be contrary to our intentions. The German government would deeply regret the fact and begs to tender sincerest sympathies to the American government."

The Ambassador made no comment on the statement and an attaché said the statement spoke for itself.

The statement was given out from Count Von Bernstorff in a room in an uptown hotel. The Ambassador denied himself to all callers today.

U. S. Will Await Further Details.

Secretary Lansing indicated that he did not intend to reply to the Ambassador's message at this time. He (Continued on page 2)

CONSTANTINOPLE FEELS DARDANELLES WILL BE FORCED BEFORE LONG

Violent Fighting on Gallipoli Peninsula and Thousands of Wounded Arriving Daily at Turkish Capital Shatters Turks' Hopes of Holding Back Allies—London Expects Serbia's Answer Will be Satisfactory—Germans Sending Troops and Supplies to Alsace.

London, Aug. 24.—The population of Constantinople considers the situation grave, according to information received at Sofia, Bulgaria, says a Reuter despatch. Violent fighting has been in progress on the Gallipoli peninsula for the past week, and it is declared thousands of wounded are arriving every day at Constantinople. At the same time thousands of fresh troops are being sent to the Dardanelles' front. The scarcity of bread and coal is said to have added to the general feeling of depression.

While the Russians are falling back east and south of Kovno, it is explained by Petrograd that this was necessary to prevent them from being outflanked. They still hold both banks of the Niemen river from Preny, just south of Kovno southward to Gradno, one of the few fortresses still held by them. On all sides of Brest-Litovsk, the Austro-Germans claim to be making progress while well to the south-east of the fortress the Austrians report their cavalry has entered Kovov, an important railway junction on the lines to Kiev and Rovno.

There has been heavy fighting in the Vosges without any change in the positions of the opposing armies.

End May Come Soon.

London, Aug. 24.—Optimistic reports concerning operations on the Gallipoli peninsula have been in circulation for

the past few days, and prophecies are freely made that a few weeks will see the close of the allies' most difficult tasks in the Near East. The Turks, too, expect the Anglo-French forces to be successful, if news reaching Sofia from Constantinople is reliable. In fact, it is felt here now that, so far as the Dardanelles are concerned, it is a matter of indifference to the allies whether the Balkan states lend a hand. Their assistance is wanted, however, against Austria, and also to shorten Turkish resistance, if the Straits are opened. For these reasons negotiations with the Near Eastern capitals are being watched with interest, and the decision of Serbia on the proposals of the Quadruple Entente for satisfying the aspirations of Bulgaria, which will be reached at a council of ministers tomorrow, is anxiously awaited.

EXPECTED SERBIA WILL AGREE TO PROPOSALS OF THE ALLIES

It is believed in London that Serbia's reply will prove satisfactory, and that Bulgaria's co-operation will be assured. This would open the way also for an active policy on the part of Roumania, who wants assurances Bulgaria will not attack her before she commences to move her troops. It is confidently expected all these questions will be settled satisfactorily to the allies, and that within the same period the future policy of Greece will be definitely announced.

In the meantime Austro-German armies are aiming more heavy blows at Russia in the hope of putting her on the defensive indefinitely and permitting the removal of some of their own troops to other fronts, particularly Serbia and Italy, in the hope of repeating their eastern process. The Russians are encouraged, however, by their naval victory in the Gulf of Riga, which has delayed Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's great outflanking movement through Courland and are offering very stiff resistance at almost every point in the Baltic provinces.

Turks Admit Allies Striking Hard.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24, via London, (5.33 p. m.)—An official statement issued by the Turkish government at Constantinople, and received here today, reads as follows: "On August 22nd the enemy attacked on his new front near Anafarata (on the Gallipoli peninsula), but was repulsed with heavy losses. 'On the Irak front our troops attacked a British detachment near Akike, on the Euphrates, inflicting heavy losses.'"

Roumania Govt. Requisition Railways Cologne, Aug. 24.—According to the Cologne Gazette, the railways of Roumania have received orders to place all rolling stock at the disposal of the minister of war on September 14.

PETITCODIAC MAN KILLED IN HALIFAX

Ross Wheaton Touches Live Wire Charged With 2,200 Volts and Meets Instant Death.

Halifax, Aug. 24.—Coming in contact with a live wire charged with 2,200 volts of electricity caused the instantaneous death today of Ross Wheaton, the fence foreman of the Cook Construction Company, employed in excavating the right of way from Fairview to the south end terminals.

Mr. Wheat was a young man of twenty-eight years of age. He was a native of Petitcodiac, N. B.

U.S. GOV'T HAD NO MAN PICKED AS MEXICAN PRESIDENT

Washington, Aug. 24.—While still awaiting a reply from Gen. Carranza to the Pan-American appeal for a peace conference in Mexico, the State Department today issued a statement denying that the United States government had ever considered "any particular man for provisional president of Mexico."

The statement was prompted by inquiries from Mexico regarding reports that the Pan-American conferees had in view the suggestion of some particular Mexican leader to head a provisional government. Carranza's agents said tonight that their chief's reply to the Pan-American appeal had been completed, and soon would reach Washington.

The Goddess

Our new serial story is different from anything you have ever read in the way of continued stories.

Briefly, the story is this: Celestia, sometimes known as "The Goddess," reared in what she has been taught is Heaven, and made to believe herself divine, comes into the busy world to redeem all sinners. In her innocent, unsophisticated manner, and bedecked in flimsy draperies, she comes face to face with vice and hypocrisy and conquers it.

At first the world jeers and hoots her. Then it fears her and stands aghast at the force of her unexpected power. Finally, they fall before her, worshipping.

At the same time, the Triumvirate of Millionaires are attempting to capitalize her vogue to their own profit.

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