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BRITISH

(To The Governor of Newfoundland.)

LONDON, Oct. 11—General French reports our trenches steadily pushed forward between Hill 70 and Hulloch, the ground gained varying from five hundred to a thousand yards. A German trench was captured east of Hulloch.

The French Government report all gains maintained, and further enemy attacks repulsed.

The Russian Government report desperate fighting near Dvinsk, and prisoners captured at various points. Enemy reports claim success near Dvinsk.

The Italian Government report on the Isonzo considerable attacks repulsed with heavy losses. Serbia reports that the enemy has occupied Belgrade.—BONAR LAW.

FRENCH

PARIS, Oct. 11 (official).—We have made very perceptible progress in the wood west of the road from Souchez to Angres, in the Souchez Valley, and to the east of Givenchy Wood blockhouse. We also have gained ground on the ridge toward La Folle. We captured about 100 prisoners from the guard corps.

In Champagne we have made further progress north of Tabure, and carried, by vigorous attack, the whole of the German fortified work south of the village, on the side of Lagautte Gully. We captured there 108 prisoners, among them two officers.

ITALIAN

ROME, Oct. 12.—The following official statement was issued to-day from the Headquarters of the Italian General Staff:—

"In the war zone between the Adige Valley and Prenta, notably at the head of Valdassa, detachments of our troops made bold dashes against the enemy's positions. Breaches were made in the barbed wire entanglements, some defensive works were destroyed or damaged and groups of the enemy troops were repulsed. We made a few prisoners.

"The enemy on his side, during the night of the 10th and 11th attacked our positions on Monte Maronia at Malca Provenera and at Alta on the plateau, north-west of Arsiere, but was repulsed with heavy losses. On Carso Plateau small advances by our troops are reported, particularly in the vicinity of a wood called Ferro di Cavallo."

TRANSFER OF TROOPS HINTED

London "Globe" Thinks Troops on Gallipoli Will be Sent to Check Hun Advance in Serbia

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The possible transfer of the Allied forces from the Gallipoli Peninsula to meet the Teutonic advance in Serbia is hinted at by the "Globe," which says the Government is divided on the subject. The "Globe" considers it vital that the Germans' plan to link up the Central Powers with Turkey be frustrated, and that to this end all other considerations must momentarily be subordinated.

MEETING GERMAN ADVANCE

SOPIA, Oct. 12.—Serbian troops, who had been occupying the Albanian towns of Shlak and Krija have been withdrawn and are being rushed northward. Seven divisions of the Serbian army, had been concentrated along the Bulgarian frontier, have also been hurried north to meet the Austro-German offensive.

Another Steamer Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The British steamer Thropwood, 3184 tons, has been sunk. There was no loss of life.

BALKAN SITUATION STILL UNCERTAIN

Nothing Made Public to Indicate a Military Move by Bulgaria Against Serbia—Roumania Getting Alarmed

BRITISH COMMONS RE-OPENS TO-MORROW

Expected Premier Asquith Will Reveal the Cabinet's Policy Regarding the Balkan Crisis

LONDON, Oct. 12.—While the armies of the Central Empires continue their advance into Serbia, nothing has been made public to indicate anything of the nature of an actual military move by Bulgaria against Serbia, except the reported assault momentarily expected on the railroad connecting Nish with Salonika. Roumania is showing increasing alarm on account of the threatened military movement by Bulgaria and the Central Powers in close proximity to her frontier, but neither Athens or Bucharest are exhibiting any readiness to depart from their policy of "benevolent neutrality" towards the Triple Entente Powers.

Official reports of fighting along the major fronts are unusually meagre to-day, the only significant point in any of them being a statement from Berlin by Field-Marshal Von Hindenburg on the Dvinsk front, of the repulse of Russian attacks, which seemingly would indicate that for the first time since the German drive through Poland began, the Austro-Germans are making no big offensive at any point along the whole Eastern front.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED

Sir John French Describes Brilliant Work of Allies Against German Onslaught

LONDON, Oct. 11 (Official to-night from Field-Marshal Sir John French). "Further information shows that the German attack on our front south of LaBassee Canal on the 8th was made in great strength. The main German efforts were directed against a chalk pit, north of Hill 70, between Hulloch and the Hohenzollern redoubt. "In the chalk pit attack the enemy assembled behind some woods which lie from 300 to 500 yards off our trenches. Between these woods and our line the attack was mown down by combined rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire, not a man getting within forty yards of our trenches. "Further north between Hulloch and the Quarries, an attack was similarly beaten off with very heavy loss. Here our troops, following up the beaten enemy, secured a German trench on the west side of St. Elio. The enemy only succeeded in penetrating our front line at one point, the southern communication trench of the Hohenzollern redoubt, which is still in our hands. Here he was promptly driven out by our bombers. "Our reservists were not required at any part of the front. It is certain we inflicted a severe reverse on the enemy. Our casualties prove to be even less than the first low estimate.

"The report in the German official communication of the 9th, that a strong British attack north-east of Vermelles had failed, with great loss, is entirely false. No attack was made, and no losses incurred, other than those described above. "Yesterday, eleven flights in which our air took place, in nine of which our airmen were successful. One hostile aeroplane was driven to the ground inside the enemy's lines, and was almost certainly destroyed. This morning another enemy machine was brought down in our lines. We lost one aeroplane."

A Close Score

BOSTON, Oct. 11.—Americans won the third game in the World's Baseball series, by two to one.

FIRST N.F.L.D. REGIMENT OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

The Following List of Casualties Received To-day:

- 902—Private William Frank Hardy, 60 Monroe St.; killed in action. 179—Hugh Walter McWhirter, Humbertmouth, Bay of Islands; killed in action. J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

AMERICA REMAINS PEACEFUL

Says "America Must Keep Out of the War to Preserve Peace Foundations"

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—President Wilson, speaking to-day at the 25th anniversary meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution, declared that the States should keep out of the European War, not to avoid the trouble, but to preserve the foundations on which peace must be built. "We should keep out of the quarrel," he declared. America promises the world to pursue a course grounded on justice. We are trying to maintain foundations on which peace must be built. America must preserve the cause of humanity.

Both Sides Claim Small Gains

LONDON, Oct. 11.—A heavy bombardment progressed today on the Franco-German front in Champagne and both sides claimed small gains. It was not believed there had been any important changes.

PRESENT GREEK POLICY ARMED NEUTRALITY

Premier Zaimis States Policy of His Cabinet is Aimed Neutrality for the Present

BELIEVES HE HAS SUPPORT OF PEOPLE

Ex-Premier Venizelos Will Support Government Provided His Principals Are Adhered to

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Greek Chamber was informed by Premier Zaimis at a meeting yesterday that in order to better assure the vital interests of Greece her neutrality will for the present be armed, says a despatch from Athens. The Premier adds that the future course of the Ministry must be adapted to meet events as they occur and expressed the belief that the Government's course has the support of the people. In reply, former Premier Venizelos said no one could wish to create any internal difficulties in the country in view of the present extremely critical situation. This Chamber will give its support to the Government so long as the Government's policy does not alter the principles of my policy, upon which the Chamber has already given its vote. Even if there existed no treaty with Serbia, our interests would oblige us to depart from neutrality, as another State wishes to aggrandize itself at our expense. The question is not whether we ought to make war or not, but rather when we ought to enter the war. In any case we ought not to allow Bulgaria to crush Serbia in order that she may then attack us with all her forces.

Germans Meet Heavy Loss At Loos

PARIS, Oct. 11.—Seven to eight thousand Germans fell in the Kaiser's attempt to recapture lost positions at Loos and to the northward, is officially announced to-day. There were several bombardments last night north of La Scrape. In Champagne and Souai region, no material change.

Germans Serious And Costly Check

PARIS, Oct. 11.—The only news, according to the French official announcement made to-day, is that of severe bombardment on the part of the Germans near La Scrape, in the Champagne district, and in the region of Souai. French batteries everywhere replied effectively. Later information has confirmed the reports that the German counter-attacks, during recent days on the front at Loos, resulted in a serious and costly check. The Germans left a number of dead on the front of the Allied lines, estimated at between seven and eight thousand.

Rudyard Kipling's Son Wounded and Missing

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Rudyard Kipling has received no further news of his son, who was wounded and reported missing in the North of France. He was only slightly wounded when last seen. His parents are hopeful that he suffered no more serious fate than being taken prisoner inside the German lines. Kipling sent the Associated Press to-day the following message: "I should be obliged if you would make public in the United States the fact that up to date my son John, is reported wounded and missing, and not wounded and believed killed, as stated in the Press a few days ago."

Russians Punish Germans Severely

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Germans are still making a determined effort to envelop Dvinsk which is costing them severe losses, says the "Times" Petrograd correspondent. Fortunately, the correspondent adds, the Russians are well supplied with ammunition of all calibres and their artillery continues to sweep many storming columns with wonderful accuracy.

A Parliamentarian Loses His Life

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Lord Hillingdon, has lost his eldest son and heir by death. Second-Lieut. Mills was killed in action in France. Mills, who was 29 years of age, was a member of Parliament for Uxbridge. He is the sixth member of Parliament to lose his life.

SERBIANS HARASS THE GERMANS

A Two Days' Battle Raged With Bayonets Before Belgrade Was Captured

PARIS, Oct. 11.—A hundred and fifty thousand Austro-German troops have crossed the Danube river into Serbia, according to reports in diplomatic circles, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency. These troops were stopped by Serbian artillery before they could penetrate beyond the border. It is asserted that Belgrade is the only point in which they have gained a foothold on Serbian soil. Germans in Athens are credited with having circulated a report that the Allies have been unable to send a sufficient force to help Serbia, and have renounced the expedition. Forwarding the Anglo-French troops from Salonika, however, continues uninterrupted.

More Canadian Troops in France

OTTAWA, Oct. 11.—Canadian troops commanded by Major-General Mercer comprising a cavalry brigade under Colonel Mart, the 42nd Battalion, Montreal, the 49th Edmonton Royal Canadian Regiment, and the Princess Patricia's, crossed over from England on Saturday, and are now at the front, is officially announced to-day.

"Ill At Ease"

ATHENS, Oct. 11.—King Constantine of Greece is ill and confined to his room.

EXCHANGE PROBLEM DISCUSSED

Foreign Exchange Takes Another Drop—A Further Credit of \$250,000,000 is Discussed

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Foreign Exchange rates went down again to-day, in face of the successful flotation of the \$500,000,000 credit loan, to the lowest point since September 15th. So disquieting was it deemed that a three-hour meeting, attended by Wall St. bankers and Sir Edward Holden, member of the Anglo-French Financial Commission, was held late this afternoon for the reported purpose of devising some new method to bolster the value of the English pound sterling. To-day sterling sold down to \$4.67 1/2 altogether too far below par to make continued buying of American exports desirable from the British point of view, in the opinion of some New York financiers.

FOREIGN SECRETARY POPULAR

Grey Doing as Well as Expected—Secret Diplomacy to be 'Dead' When War Ceases as Result of Balkan Failure

ITALIAN ACTIVITY EXPECTED

UDINE, Italy, Oct. 12.—That Italy's enlarged participation in the war is, according to a report current here, considered imminent. Premier Salandra, during the course of his recent visit to the Italian front, is understood to have laid before King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna, Italian Chief of Staff, various plans of campaign before a final decision is taken.

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U.S. Consul-General Has Not Been Recalled

LONDON, Oct. 11.—A categorical denial was officially authorized to-day, to the report that the British Government had asked for the recall of P. Skinner, the American Consul-General in London. Skinner was recently called to Washington to a conference on the international situation, and will sail with Mrs. Skinner on the steamer Rotterdam on Monday next.

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES THREW OVER FIFTY THOUSAND SHELLS INTO BELGRADE

Invaders Spare Neither Hospitals, Churches or Synagogues. Jewish Families Who Had Taken Refuge in Churches Were Buried in the Ruins.

Echos of Rheims

ATHENS, Oct. 11.—Three quarters of the city of Belgrade has been destroyed by 6,000 Austro-German shells. Fighting continues says an Athens despatch.

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PARIS, Oct. 12.—Though Belgrade has been evacuated, the "Matin's" correspondent at Nish, in a despatch filed on Sunday last, said that fighting continued stubbornly on the hills surrounding the city, some of which had been taken and retaken several times.

Artillery, on both sides, the despatch says, has been firing without respite for three days. The Serbs gained an advantage again this morning when they captured some excellent positions near Topcider and drove the Germans back on a suburb of Belgrade, called Great Vratchar, where a fierce struggle is now going on.

The invaders threw over fifty thousand shells on Belgrade, sparing neither hospitals nor churches. Synagogues were destroyed and Jewish families who had taken refuge there were buried in the ruins. French artillery took part in the defense of the city. The British, with several guns, inflicted great losses on the Germans and sank two monitors in the Danube, near Ramon. The Serbians were driven back with a loss of four howitzers and several machine guns.

British Casualties Since Oct. 1 21,000

LONDON, Oct. 11.—British casualties reported since October 1 amount to more than 21,000 for the week end and the casualties list, published today, gives 200 officers and 4,300 men.