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Serbs Fighting Fiercely To Save Their Armies

BRITISH LONDON, Nov. 1.—The King's condition is further improved. Pain is diminishing and temperature and pulse are normal.

Invaders Slowly Closing in Serbia Forces in Positions Which Grow Graver Daily—Defenders Make Desperate Resistance—Von Mackensen Compelled to Send For Reinforcements

NO DEFINITE DECISION BY ROUMANIA YET

Germans Still Battle for Possession of Riga and Dvinsk but Meet Strong Opposition From Russians Who Have Now Begun an Offensive Movement

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Germans have occupied Kragujevatz, the arsenal town of Serbia, while their Bulgarian Allies are pushing their way through the mountains to Nish, the Serbian war capital.

the Allies to Serbia. A Russian transport has been reported sunk off Varna, but the report lacks confirmation.

In France, the battle for Butte de Tahure, which the Germans recaptured from the French, is still in progress, without changing the positions of the two armies.

FRENCH PARIS, Nov. 1.—Fighting continued last night in the vicinity of Butte de Hahure, without any material change in the relative positions of the combatants.

TURKISH BERLIN, Nov. 1.—The French submarine Turquoise was sunk by Turkish artillery fire, according to an official statement issued by the Turkish War Office.

MONTENEGRO PARIS, Nov. 2.—An official communication from the Montenegrin War Office, dated Oct. 30, says: "The enemy attacks against our positions at Varda and his advance on Biel Obordo, have been stopped, but the combat still continues."

Newspaper Men Pay Visit to Fleet

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Graphic descriptions of the first visit of British newspaper men to Britain's Grand Fleet are published by all the morning papers.

"We actually saw vessels engaged in this anti submarine business leaving port," says one correspondent, "indeed it is not necessary to go outside the harbour to understand why the blockade has failed."

The party visited the cruisers Lion and Tiger, and viewed the patched funnels and shell wounds received in the North Sea battle.

A New Move Against Suez Canal

ROME, Nov. 2.—The Austro-Germans are preparing a new offensive against the Suez Canal, according to an Athens' despatch to the "Tribuna," which adds: "The British have made gigantic preparations to meet such an eventuality."

German Plans Are Demoralized

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Germany's plans in the Riga district have been completely demoralized by the successful campaign of British submarines in the Baltic Sea.

The Germans are now endeavouring, with most feverish energy, to hasten restoration of the slender and inadequate service in their rear.

The belief here is that when the Germans are compelled to undergo the rigors of a real Russian winter, constantly annoyed by guerilla attacks, and with an inadequate supply of facilities, they will lose more men by sickness, and suffer greater demoralization, than comes from even the worst defeats in the field.

French Inflict Losses on Bulgars

SALONIKA, Nov. 1.—Bulgarian infantry, supported by two batteries, made an attack yesterday on a French advance post, covering Keyvelok, on the right bank of the Vardar.

After sharp fighting the Bulgarians retired, having sustained heavy losses.

Woodrow's Wedding

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—It was formally announced to-day at the White House that the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will take place near the close of December.

Are Germans Short of Food?

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Travellers arriving from Scandinavia say that reports are current there that the British Government is now supplying food to British prisoners in Germany.

The report aroused interest in official circles, where the opinion is expressed that Germany might be making overtures through the States for some such arrangement.

Spain Will Not Discuss Terms

MADRID, Nov. 1.—Premier Dato said to-day that he had no official information concerning the report that Prince Von Buelow, former German Chancellor, would come to Madrid to present King Alfonso, with an outline of the conditions on which Germany might be willing to consider peace negotiations.

Another German Sea Victim

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The British steamer Toward, 290 tons, has been sunk. The crew were saved.

OTTAWA, Nov. 1.—Sir Charles Tupper is to be accorded a State funeral in Halifax.

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CASUALTY LIST

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430—Sergeant Ernest Butler, 5 Howe Place. Wounded.

1084—Private Edward White, Twillingate. Wounded.

The following additional information respecting casualties already reported has been received to-day:

Second-Lieut. Cyril B. Carter, St. John's. Previously reported Wounded. Now reported from Third Echelon Alexandria; Oct. 29; compound fracture upper end tibia involving knee septic; improving; progress satisfactory.

728—Private Charles Wm. Brown, Tack's Beach, P.E. Previously reported gunshot wound; dangerously ill. Now reported gunshot wound in thigh; progressing favourably.

1308—Private Chesley Mercer, 48 Spencer street, St. John's. Previously reported shrapnel wound, right shoulder. Now reported discharged from hospital fit for service.

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The following dangerously ill, Alexandria, Oct. 25: 60—C.Q.M.S. Charles Cunningham Oke, 14 Quidi Vidi Road.

377—Private Edwin Cornick, 31 William Street.

181—Private William Dawe, Upper Gullies.

107—Private William Miller, Apsey Point, Clarenville. Wounded, Oct. 17.

The following, enteric, severe, Alexandria, Oct. 15: 1297—Private Wm. Thistle, 12 James Street.

744—Lance Corporal Harold Hubert Batson, English Hr., T.B.

990—Private Charles Taylor, 176 Pleasant Street.

818—Private Francis Joseph Dooley, 23 1/2 Maxse St.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Publication Of Note to Be Simultaneous

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Secretary Lansing announced today that the Note to Britain regarding interference with neutral trade and American cargoes, would be made public the day after its delivery in London.

Grand Bank Man Drowned

CHARLOTTETOWN, Nov. 1.—Alexander Fox, of Grand Bank, was drowned at Cardigan. He was one of the crew of the schooner Linds, Capt. Tibbo, which arrived there yesterday from the Grand Banks.

Asquith's Future May be Involved in Statement

Some Newspapers Say Premier's Political Future Depends on how he Acquires Himself To-morrow When he Lays Statements Before Commons

PREMIER'S FRIENDS HAVE FAITH IN HIS LEADERSHIP

Liberal Papers Predict Formation of New General Staff Which Probably Will be Small Body of Old War Council.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Premier Asquith's speech in the Commons to-morrow will be most important on events relating to British conduct of the war.

The Balkans, the position of the Government's policy regarding help for Serbia, attitude of Greece and Roumania, conscription, censorship, reduction in size of Cabinet, the appointment of a general staff to have supreme direction of military operations are subjects on the Question Paper of the House which will be dealt with by the Prime Minister, a master in the art when he so desires, of putting into firm, monetarily-inspiring words, the statement of the Government's principles and policies which contains a minimum of specific information.

What his critics and some of his friends are now asking is a more definite statement of the Government's plans and freedom to discuss these in parliament. The Lords, of late, has been the arena for a freer discussion of events and policies of the

war than the Commons.

The Marquis of Lansdowne's speech on the Balkan situation was far more illuminating than Sir Edward Grey's brief formal statement, which in reality told members of the House of Commons nothing but what the whole country had not already learned from newspapers, other members of the House of Lords debated the situation without hesitation, while members of the lower house were asked for National interest or refrain from debate, two prominent Liberal papers, Daily Chronicle and Daily News predict the formation of a new general staff which probably will be small body of the old war council which enjoyed considerable power when Lord Haldane administered the war office, gradually fallen into disuse.

Swedish Barque Supposed Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The bodies of three men taken from a small boat, bearing the name of Wolfe, were landed at Cromarty, Scotland. It is assumed that the Swedish barque Wolfe has been sunk in the North Sea.

King Loudly Cheered by Loyal Populace

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The King arrived at Buckingham Palace at 7.30. Although much fatigued by his journey, his condition is officially reported satisfactory. The King reached Victoria station by special train and elaborate precautions were taken to insure privacy, the greater part of the station being closed. The public exit was also closed, but the elaborate nature of the measures befitted their purpose, as they attracted large crowds, which lined all approaches for a considerable distance, loudly cheering when the King's motor car appeared, followed by several others containing members of his suite.

Are Now Well Interned

NORFOLK, Virginia, Nov. 1.—Captain Trowse, of the British tank steamer Trincolo, from Sabine Pass, Texas, for England, which arrived here to-day for bunker coal, reports that on Oct. 12th he saw the yacht Eolipse, on which the six German officers of the interned cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm escaped, three hundred miles off the Virginia Cape, bound east, with engine working and all sails set.

10 Are Burnt to Death In Tenement Fire

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Ten persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a three storey tenement house to-night.

Germans Capture Serbian Arsenal

BERLIN, Nov. 1.—The Serbian town of Kragujevatz, in which is located the great Serbian arsenal, has been taken by the Germans.

Germans Meet Enormous Losses Recent Fighting

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Field Marshal Sir John French, reporting from the front says: "On Oct. 29th the enemy heavily bombarded an area east of Ypres. With this exception, owing to the wet and misty weather, artillery on both sides during the last four days has been less active."

Roumanians All Ready

MILAN, Nov. 1.—At a meeting of the Roumanian headquarters staff, held to discuss the military policy of that country, says a correspondent, two-thirds of the generals declared in favor of entering the war on the side of the Quadruple Entente.

Governor of Brussels Has Been Removed

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A despatch to "Star," from Rotterdam says, it is understood that General Sauberzweig, military governor of Brussels, who is generally believed to be responsible for the final refusal to grant the American's Minister's request for the postponement of the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, has been removed from office and a new military governor appointed.

Record Enlistment In London Yesterday

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The "Daily News" says recruiting in London yesterday, in spite of the dismal weather, beat all records for this year. It is estimated that over 2,500 men enlisted.

Monday is always a good day, but yesterday, so remarkable was the enthusiasm, that recruiting officials were taken by surprise.

Recruiting System Satisfactory

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Horatio W. Bottomley, M.P., in lecturing at Brighton yesterday, claimed he had the authority of Earl Derby, Director of Recruiting, for saying that whatever the Earl had thought before he was now convinced the Voluntary System of recruiting would be saved.

London Growing Optimistic

LONDON, Nov. 2.—There has been a notable decrease in political discussion on the Government the past few days, and equally noticeable has been the growth of optimism regarding the success of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme.

Russian Troops Landed at Varna

LONDON, Nov. 2.—A despatch to "Times" from Bucharest says it is reported in naval quarters here that Russian troops were landed at Varna, a Bulgarian port on the Black Sea, last Friday.

King George Back in London

LONDON, Nov. 1.—King George, who was injured last week by being thrown from his horse while reviewing troops in the field, returned to London this morning.

Badly Hurt by Fall

Mr. Wm. Pearcey, a man working at A. H. Harvey & Co's, fell from a skid this forenoon, a distance of several feet, and sustained serious injury. He was badly cut about the face and head, hurt internally and it was feared that some bones were broken. He was driven to his home on Boncloddy Street, where he was attended by two doctors who stitched the wounds and otherwise looked after him.

Mrs. J. G. Munn was removed to the General Hospital this morning suffering from a severe internal trouble.

Mrs. Levi Reid from Dildo, T.B., arrived here last noon and was taken to hospital very ill.

In the police court to-day a drunk and disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days by Judge Hutchings.

The Prospero left Westport at 9 a.m. yesterday, bound north.

The Portia sails West at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The Danish schr. R. Fabricius arrived here last night, 28 days from Oporto to Geo. M. Barr.

The Reid Nfld. Co. were advised to-day that the Sagona arrived at Venison Tickle on her way South this morning.

The barktn. Danure, Capt. Connolly is now about 73 days out to Bahia is evidently meeting bad weather and should be heard from shortly.

The S.S. Bonaventure sailed to-day for North Sydney and returns with coal to A. J. Harvey & Co.

The S.S. Senlac arrived here to-day with a full cargo of flour and other food stuffs from Montreal and Gulf ports.

The S.S. Northmount, a like boat like the Port Dalhousie and Dwyer left Sydney this morning with a full cargo of 15,000 flour consigned to Campbell & McKay and will discharge at the piers of the Furness Withy Co.