

ALL EYES ON THE SERBIAN SITUATION

Allied Troops are Still Falling Back - Diplomatic Negotiations With Greece No Nearer Settlement.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 11.—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the Allies are still falling back, but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat...

The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki despatch stating that Gjevgehi had been captured by two divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not within range of the Kaiser's guns.

The final day for recruiting under the plan of the Earl of Derby finds no diminution in the crowds which besieged the recruiting stations. In the rush medical examination has become as perfunctory as the signing of the recruit's name and it is expected that many of those who have come forward will be rejected when called to active service.

IN GOOD ORDER. London, Dec. 11.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Saloniki dated Friday (10) states: "Complete success prevailed yesterday throughout the night on the front of the Entente forces. The retirement of the Entente allies is proceeding in good order."

REPORT PREMATURE. London, Dec. 11.—"The reported German occupation of Serbia is being premature," says the Saloniki correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. Up to 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon there was no enemy in the immediate neighborhood of Gjevgehi.

A previous despatch from Saloniki said it was reported there that German forces under General von Gallwitz occupied Gjevgehi Friday morning.

WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. Berlin, Dec. 10.—via London, Dec. 11.—The retreat of the British and French expedition in Serbia is being conducted with great difficulty. Their main force has been unable to disengage itself and retreat unhampered, leaving only rearguards behind to delay their pursuers.

LEADER KILLED. London, Dec. 11.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Rome states that one of the Serbian leaders killed in rearguard fighting during the retreat from the Albanian frontier, was Voivode Tankosich, who was named in the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, and accused of being organizer of the plot to assassinate the Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand at Sarajevo.

DEATH OF PRIVATE RICHARD REVEALS GREATER TRAGEDY

The death at the front of Harry Richards, as reported in the Courier of last evening, reveals a greater tragedy. It appears that his wife and little child, who left Brantford for the Old Land in order to be nearer to him and see him when on leave, perished when the Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine.

Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed GRANDVIEW SCHOOL—CLASSES 3 AND 4



TOP ROW (reading from left to right)—Lorna Selby, Queenie Young, Margaret Birkett, Myrtice Mayled, Madeline Smith, Marjorie Whitman, Lily DeGruchy, Ethel Hope, Jessie Arnold, Mary Hope. SECOND ROW—George Eastcott, Harold Eastcott, George Riley, Clayton Muntz, Birley McWebb, Jean Craig, Vera Jackson, Harold Chapman, Willie Patullo, Thomas Hancock, Dalton Bloxham, Howard Hopper.

SCURVY OUTBREAK Leads to the Evacuation of Lemberg by Austro-German Forces.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Kiev, Russia, Dec. 11.—Via Petrograd and London.—A report reached here to-day that Lemberg is being evacuated by the Austro-German forces on account of an outbreak of scurvy. Owing to the spread of the disease, the military authorities, according to the report, decided on the withdrawal of the view to avoiding panic among the civilian inhabitants of the city.

This report has reached Kiev from various sources, and appears to be corroborated by Austrian and German prisoners. It is said also by prisoners that the approaches to Lemberg have not been fortified with the exception of repairs which have been made to the old trenches. On the other hand, the Greek lakes and the line of the River San are being fortified strongly, and from Przemysl to the Vistula a series of concrete fortifications is being constructed.

AT MIDNIGHT Recruiting Under Earl of Derby's Plan Ends—Rush Continues.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 11.—There was an unprecedented rush this morning at the recruiting stations. Physicians and clerks nearly exhausted by the work of the last three days, were confronted on arrival at their posts this morning with long lines of men—in many cases several hundred—waiting for the opening of the doors.

THE REAL VICTOR In Connection With Present War Will be the United States, German Opinion.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 11.—Copies of the Berlin Vorwaerts received here, contain an article several columns in length discussing the probable commercial and financial effects of the war on the United States. Under the heading "the real victor," the writer concludes that the United States will reap the greatest economic advantages from the war, and stands Germany not great Britain needing to gain anything, whichever wins.



ALLIES ARE BOUND TO WIN THE WAR

This is Opinion of the Editor of the North American Review Now on a Visit in the Old Country.

New York, Dec. 11.—A cable from London this morning to The New York Herald says: "I am now absolutely certain we will win this war, was the naively neutral declaration of Colonel George Harvey, editor of the American Review, when I saw him at Claridge's last evening as he was preparing to leave London for America on board the Rotterdam on Monday. He is going after a sojourn, during which he saw not only cabinet ministers and heard at first hand their opinions on the outcome of the great struggle but personally inspected the reserves—an immense army of 4,000,000 men, which still is in the making—and the wonderful development of the great department of munitions, which controls more than two thousand five hundred factories, employing more than a million men and women and has transformed, as if by magic, the balance of shell power, which a year ago was three to one in favor of the Germans, to a ratio of five to one in favor of the allies."

"Why are you so confident that victory will be with the allies?" I asked, and Col. Harvey replied: "Before I left the United States I agreed with a Columbia professor, who said preponderant power in men and money was bound to tell in the end, but now I have a stronger argument—one which fell from the lips of a recruiting sergeant in the Strand yesterday. 'Don't you want to be on the winning side?' said the soldier to a group of civilians whom he was suggesting should don khaki. 'How do you know ours will be the winning side?' asked a prospective recruit. 'Well, my lad,' said the sergeant, 'you know the Germans have been trying for more than a year and a half to win and have failed, don't you?' 'Yes,' replied the questioner. 'Then, we've been trying to lose during the same period and we couldn't.' 'Knowing what I do now of the improved situation in men, money and munitions,' said Col. Harvey, 'I can-

side the sergeant's logic unanswerable. Don't make any mistake. With shells to burn, and the finest body of soldiers in the world to do the burning, there is no chance of a German victory. The allies will be forced to fight for two years more. Really, I think they will fight perhaps longer. But they surely will triumph. 'It has been intimated that what Britain needs to insure victory,' he ventured, 'is a strong dominating personality to dictate the conduct of the war.' 'That is absurd,' replied the colonial. 'There is no such personage in the world to-day. No Cromwells, no Napoleons. What applies to war also applies to science, literature and politics. There is no such outstanding personality alive. Therefore the military, economic and governmental affairs must continue to be administered by groups of able men. 'The Kaiser is the nearest approach to a dominating personality in this war. Not because he is a superman. He isn't. But simply because he is practically an absolute monarch, the head of the House of Hohenzollern, and he has achieved only Pyrrhic victories.' 'What did you think of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech?' I asked. 'Bluff,' was the sententious reply. 'But mark you, I have no sympathy with the absurd doctrine that Germany can be starved into surrender. If that is the hope of any of the allied powers, it should be dismissed at once. Germany would be able to live on her own resources for ten years. She must be whipped thoroughly, but whipped from the outside, and it is because I know the Entente powers are inflexibly determined to give to her the thrashing which she has earned by her inhuman methods of warfare that I am certain the allies will win.' Col. Harvey closed with a tribute to David Lloyd-George, who, he said, is showing a marvellous grasp of affairs and has developed into a statesman of the first magnitude.

ability to examine all the applicants before midnight. The authorities, therefore, decided to permit attestation under the Derby plan until midnight of Sunday. If the rush still continues recruiting officers will make lists of applicants and these men will be permitted to present themselves for attestation up to midnight of Wednesday.

DESTROYED BY AN EXPLOSION. Havre, France, Dec. 11.—The munitions factories of the Belgian Government here were destroyed to-day by an explosion. Extensive damage was done and many persons were injured. All the employees were at work when a detonation occurred in one of the buildings which contained a supply of powder for loading shells. This caused the shells to blow up with an explosion of great violence.

Dropped Bombs. Ancona, Italy, Dec. 10, via Paris, Dec. 11.—Austrian aeroplanes flew over this city this afternoon and dropped bombs which killed two people and injured several others. No material damage was done.

RECRUITING RALLIES. For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows:

- AT HARLEY Monday, Dec. 13
AT OAKLAND Tuesday, Dec. 14
AT KEGS LANE SCHOOL HOUSE Friday, Dec. 17
Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Women are specially invited to attend these meetings.

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