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WEATHER—FAIR

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DESTROYERS RAID RAMSGATE; ROUMANIA EXTRICATES ARMY

GERMANS 50 MILES FROM BUCHAREST

General Von Falkenhayn and Field Marshal Von Mackensen Join Forces, and Capital of Roumania Is Threatened from West, North and South.

ROUMANIANS EXTRICATE THEMSELVES FROM SERIOUS SITUATION—RUSSIANS MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE BUCHAREST—VON MACKENSEN PERSONALLY COMMANDING MOVEMENT ACROSS DANUBE—VILLAGES BURNING.

London, Nov. 26.—The wireless despatch received last evening from Petrograd that the Roumanians have succeeded in extricating themselves from the enveloping movement in the extreme west is the most encouraging news from the theatre of war, on which the eyes of the world are focused, to reach London in several days. If this, as well as the additional information that the Roumanians in their retirement were about to destroy large quantities of cereals, proves to be true, it means that they have placed a wedge between Orsova and Craiova, and perhaps rejoined forces on the Alt.

Optimists here expect a strong counter-offensive at the right moment by the strong Russo-Roumanian force known to be in the Alt Valley.

Roumanians Hold Fast.

Bucharest, Nov. 26, via London.—The Roumanian forces are holding fast to the line of the Alt river, across Western Roumania, to a point south of Slatina, some forty-five miles from the Danube, the war office announced today, and also are maintaining their ground along the Roumanian northern front. The statement follows:

"The enemy troops which crossed the Danube at Zimnita, have advanced as far as the region south of Solmo station.

"Southern front: There has been an artillery bombardment and infantry fire all along the Danube. In Dobrudja our artillery bombarded enemy positions."

German Armies Unite.

London, Nov. 26.—The situation in Roumania, as described in today's news, shows that General Von Falkenhayn's forces, having gained the railway at Craiova, have rapidly pushed to the southeast, and are, according to German official accounts, already in touch with Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces, which crossed the Danube at Zimnita, and advanced with equal rapidity and are now before Alexandria.

The German reports do not state where the two forces joined hands, but says that the roads leading eastward from the Alt river are encumbered with fleeing Roumanian supply columns, and marked by burning villages.

The Roumanians' official communication, to a large extent, corroborates this news by reporting an engagement with an enemy column advancing towards Buzesti, De Vede, on the railway a little north of Alexandria. Thus the central forces are now within forty miles of Bucharest, which is threatened from the west, north and south.

Von Mackensen in Charge.

The German communication also brings the interesting news that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is personally commanding the movement across the Danube. There is no indication yet, however, as to what strength he has been able to put into this sector, but his movement seems to confirm the impression previously formed that his latest withdrawal into Dobrudja was voluntary in order to assemble forces for the Danube crossing. Neither is anything definite known as to whether General Von Falkenhayn has transferred any considerable portion of the forces lately engaged in forcing the Red Tower and other Transylvanian passes to the operations through the Vulcan Pass.

Should Roumania be driven to defend the line running north and south from the mountains between Red Tower and Tzerburg passes, the Roumanians, in order to protect Bucharest, military critics here consider that her position would be extremely critical. It is hoped however, that Russia has been able to send sufficient reinforcements to relieve Roumania of the necessity of devoting large forces to the defence of her northern and Dobrudja frontiers, and that she will have sufficiently strong forces to carry on an effective fight in the Wallachian Plains.

German Statement.

Berlin, Nov. 26, by wireless to Atlanta.—The German statement says:

"The Danube has risen to a high level, says the report, but nevertheless Von Mackensen's entire army, intended for the western Roumanian operations, has crossed the river under his personal inspection.

"Advancing south down the Alt Valley, General Von Falkenhayn's forces have captured Ramnicu (Ramnicu), and Veroca. Along the Black Sea coast, in Dobrudja, an attack on Von Mackensen's lines, aided by a bombardment from warships, was a failure, declares the official statement, which reads:

"In the Alt Valley, Ramnicu and Veroca have been captured. On the heights north of Curtea-Deargas the Roumanians are still offering tenacious resistance.

"In the territory east of the Lower Alt German cavalry, under Lieut. General Count Von Schmettow, repulsed a Roumanian cavalry division that offered battle, the German cavalry proceeding in a vigorous advance. The road from the Alt eastward is occupied by fleeing out columns. Their advance is marked by burning towns."

"We are in touch with the forces that crossed the Danube.

"Army group of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: An advance by hostile infantry, assisted by fire from the sea along the coast, against the right wing of the Dobrudja army failed.

"Under Field Marshal Von Mackensen's eyes, the Danube army chosen for further operations in western Roumania crossed to the other bank, as planned. We have arrived in front of Alexandria."

Heavy artillery fire in several sectors of the Russian front, and the repulse of Russian detachments who attacked in the Krashin and Upper Stry districts, are announced in today's army headquarters statement on operations along the eastern front.

"STOP THE WAR" CAMPAIGN IN THE STATES

Plan to Have President Wilson Receive United States Support of Nation in Peace Movement.

New York, Nov. 25.—Further steps in a national "stop the war" campaign, designed to crystallize sentiment so that any peace move which may be made by President Wilson will receive the united support of the nation, were taken here today by the organization of the New York branch of the American National Conference. Similar branches are to be established throughout the country.

Dr. David Starr Jordan presided.

SUBMARINES MAY BE OFF U.S. COAST

British Cruiser Lancaster Sends Wireless Warning to all Vessels of Entente Allies to Beware of U-Boats.

New York, Nov. 26.—The British cruiser Lancaster, stationed 15 miles southeast of Sandy Hook, at nine o'clock tonight sent out by wireless a general warning to all steamers flying the flag of the Entente Allies to beware of German submarines on their side of the Atlantic.

A wireless warning to look out for German submarines off the American coast was flashed to American line steamship Kroonland, which arrived here today from Liverpool, according to the vessel's commander Captain Barman.

Passengers on board the American line steamship Philadelphia, which also arrived today from Liverpool, said that the ship was illuminated last night, and the lifeboats were swung out ready for a possible emergency. Captain Cady said, however, he had heard or seen nothing of submarines.

FREIGHT HANDLED AT NEW HALIFAX TERMINALS

First Train of Goods for Overseas Arrives at New Deep Sea Piers.

Halifax, Nov. 26.—The first train of freight for overseas to be landed at the Halifax new ocean terminals arrived on Saturday. The train consisted of fourteen cars from the west, which was brought to the new shed.

DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE HEAD OF BOY SCOUTS

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire has accepted the office of chief scout of the Boy Scouts Association in Canada, and is the third governor-general to occupy the position. The duke has expressed a desire to ally himself with the movement to the fullest extent.

CANNOT GET N. B. MEN TO WORK IN WOODS

Men are scarce in Aroostook county and lumbermen are hard hit in securing men to work in the woods. Very few men are going from New Brunswick, owing no doubt to the scarcity of men. Sheriff Bryson has been to Boston trying to secure men recently and also visited other Maine counties after men. The highest wages ever known are being paid.

GREECE IS VIRTUALLY AT WAR WITH GERMANY AND BULGARIA

If Greek Government Does Not Comply with Ultimatum of Entente Allies to Deliver Up Arms Next Month Vice-Admiral Du Fournet May Occupy Athens.

London, Nov. 26.—Reuter's Athens correspondent says:

"Venizelist circles assert that the provisional government declared war against Bulgaria to prevent the entry of the Venizelist forces into the campaign from being interpreted as a political manoeuvre. In view of the fact that the Allies consider the Saloniki triumvirate as the government de facto, Greece is now virtually at war with Bulgaria.

"The provisional government has also declared war on Germany because it torpedoed ships carrying national forces and partisans of the provisional government."

Demand For Greek Arms.

Athens, Nov. 25, via London.—The first delivery of arms demanded of the Greek government by Vice-Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the Entente squadron, consists of ten batteries of mountain guns. The demand declares that failure to comply with it, before December 1 will result in measures being taken by the admiral.

Admiral Du Fournet's latest note fixing a brief period in which Greek arms are to be surrendered greatly excited the people of Athens. The premier informally explained that the admiral, in reply to the government's refusal of his demand, brushed aside the reasons for this refusal and simply set December 1 as the date for the surrender of the artillery required, and December 13 as the date for the surrender of rifles. The tone of the note, said the premier, was not courteous, but it did not admit of discussion.

According to the diplomatic representatives of the Entente Powers, the time allowed would enable the Greek government to reflect with mature deliberation before making its decision.

For Macedonian Defense.

Admiral Du Fournet's note, these diplomats say, reveals at length the arguments of the Greek government justifying this refusal to surrender arms, refers again to France's proposal to pay for the arms or replace them after the war, declares that the Entente Powers do not make the demand because they are in need of armament, but because they feel that the war materials in Greece would be better employed in defending Macedonia.

for the liberty of which Hellenic blood has so often been spilled," than stored in the arsenals.

An official close to the King has assured the Associated Press that the surrender of arms no longer depends either on the sovereign or the government. He declared that the King's best efforts, so far, had proved fruitless with the army, which is determined not to surrender their arms, despite the wishes of King Constantine.

Support Venizelists.

Paris, Nov. 26.—The French minister to Greece, says a Havas despatch from Athens today, has warned the Greek government in behalf of France, England and Russia that the countries named "cannot remain indifferent to the prosecution to which adherents of the Venizelist cause are the object, and that the nations in question mean to see that the Venizelist supporters enjoy all the rights conferred upon them by law.

"The warning," adds the despatch, "is believed to have been caused by the imprisonment of M. Lambraki, chief editor of the Paris, for publishing documents regarding the turnings over of Fort Rupel (one of the Macedonian forts occupied by the Bulgarians.)"

May Occupy Athens.

London, Nov. 26.—An Athens despatch to the Weekly Despatch says that if necessary Vice-Admiral Du Fournet will occupy Athens, if the Greek government does not comply with the Entente ultimatum.

"The royalist troops declare their complete refusal to deliver up their arms," adds the despatch. "Artillery has been sent to Admetos Hill, beyond the station, and arms have been freely distributed to 10,000 reservists. The fire went round the city all last night pretending to extinguish fires, but really to distribute arms. This morning a league of resistance was formed by Gen. Papoulas, who was recently recalled from Janina. Many officers have already adhered to it.

"The misfortunes of Roumania are contributing to the strength of these plots and ideas are circulating among the reservists of proceeding to the interior, beyond the reach of the naval guns, and start guerrilla warfare until the arrival of the Germans, after the conquest of Roumania, which they firmly expect."

Inclement Weather.

Sofia denies a recent French report that the French had captured the town of Dobromir, saying the Bulgarians are fully in control there.

The French front also is experiencing another spell of inclement weather, and except for small attacks at various points, little activity has been displayed by either side.

German Repelled.

London, Nov. 26.—British troops holding the line east of Beaumont-Hamel, north of the Ancre, repelled a German attacking party last night, the war office announced today. German raiders in the Arras district also were repelled. The statement reads:

"During the night an enemy party attempted to advance east of Beaumont-Hamel, but was driven off.

"Gas was discharged successfully south of Arras. In the same section enemy raids were repulsed."

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GERMAN DESTROYERS RAID ENGLISH COAST

One Small British Vessel Damaged, but No One Injured—Enemy Fires Dozen Rounds Near Ramsgate and Escapes.

GERMANS CLAIM TO HAVE BOMBARDED RAMSGATE AND TO HAVE SUNK ONE VESSEL, RETURNING SAFELY TO THEIR BASE.

London, Nov. 25.—A raid by six German torpedo boat destroyers on the English coast, which took place on Thursday night, was announced officially today. The raid was ineffective, according to the statement, which declares that the six German destroyers participating in it steamed away quickly after firing a dozen rounds, one shell striking a small vessel, but causing little damage, and no injury to the crew. Apparently the raiders were operating in the vicinity of Ramsgate, on the coast, about fifteen miles north of Dover.

The announcement reads:

"Six German destroyers, during the night of Thursday, attempted to approach the north end of the Downs, but were seen by a patrol vessel. The enemy fired about twelve rounds and quickly steamed off at once. One shell hit a drifter without injuring any of the crew and only damaging her upper works. No shell fell anywhere near the open town of Ramsgate."

The German Side.

Berlin, Nov. 25, via London.—The fortified town of Ramsgate on the English coast was bombarded by German naval vessels on Thursday night and Friday morning, says an official announcement issued today. The German craft sank the only hostile vessel, a British patrol ship, which was encountered, the Germans returning safely to their base.

ST. JOHN MEN WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING

South Bay Soldier Missing and Several Others From this Province on Casualty List.

Infantry.

Missing, believed killed—Lt. G. E. MacGregor, Chester Basin, N. S. D.R. Robertson, Truro, N. S.

Wounded—C. Loggie, Chatham, N. B. J. O'Connell, Truro, N. S. R. C. Parker, Newport, N. S. G. Robertson, Winterset, N. S.

Artillery.

Wounded—Driver C. DeGrace, St. Oliver, N. B. Driver J. Nottell, St. John, N. B.

Infantry.

Wounded and missing—E. L. Buchanan, South Bay, N. B.

Wounded—P. McDonald, St. Peter's, P. E. I.

Previously reported missing, now not missing, officially reported admitted to hospital—Gunner J. Hobson, Halifax, N. S.

Previously reported wounded, now not wounded—M. H. Mills, London-derry, N. S.

Wounded—M. Gardner, Sydney Mines, N. S. Lt. J. W. Hughes, Halifax, N. S. J. Kitchin, Sydney, N. S. H. M. Campbell, Blackville, N. B. J. Doice, Halifax, N. S. J. W. Moore, St. John, N. B. L. F. Smith, Brooklyn, N. S.

David McNicoll was born in Abroath, Scotland, in 1852. He began his railway career as clerk in the office of the general manager of the North British Railway of Scotland in 1886. He came to Canada and joined the clerical staff of the Northern Railway of Canada at Collingwood, Ont. In 1883 he became general passenger agent of the Eastern and Ontario division of the Canadian Pacific Railway. From 1889 to 1896 he was general passenger agent of all lines, rail and water. From 1900 to 1903 he was second vice-president and general manager. He was president of the St. John Bridge and Railway Co. in 1905. Five years later he was appointed by the King an Esquire of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. He was endowed with persevering industry, clear headedness and the ability to grasp the details of a project.

PROBABLY 150 NEWFOUNDLAND MEN ARE DEAD

They Have Been Missing Since Battle of Somme and None Prisoners in Germany.

St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 26.—Governor Davidson publishes an official message from the war office, intimating that inquiries made through the American embassy at Berlin, respecting one hundred and fifty Newfoundland soldiers missing since the battle on the Somme on July 1st, in which the Newfoundland regiment was decimated, discloses that none of these Newfoundlanders are prisoners in Germany, hence they are now posted officially as believed to be killed.

COL. ALLISON H. BORDEN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 26.—According to a cable received here today Lieutenant-Colonel Allison H. Borden, has been slightly wounded, at the front, but is still on duty. It was Col. Allison Borden who raised the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade.

D. M'NICOLL EX-GEN. MGR. C.P.R. IS DEAD

Was Formerly Vice-president of Big System and One of Leading Railway Men of Canada.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—Mr. David McNicoll, formerly vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, died at 11 o'clock today at Quebec, Ont., after a protracted period of ill health. His remains are being brought to this city for burial. The funeral will take place in Montreal Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McNicoll retired from the C.P.R. two years ago.