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ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES NOW HAVE A CLEAR ROAD TO SALONIKI

They Have Successfully Carried Out Their Retreat Across Greek Frontier—Germans Claim That Two English Divisions Were Annihilated—Not Known if Central Powers Will Follow Allied Forces Into Greece—Matters Quiet on Other Fronts—A Snow Fall on Gallipoli Peninsula Impedes Operations

LONDON, Dec. 14.—British and French troops have successfully carried out their retreat from Serbia across the Greek frontier, and by arrangement with the Greek Government, a clear road has been left for them to fall back to Salonika, which is being organized as a base.

A German official reported, today, claims that approximately two British divisions were annihilated during the retreat, but this is considered here as an exaggeration.

The question now arises whether the Bulgars and Austro-Germans intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece, and what action the Greek Government will take should they do so. The impression gained here from such despatches as emanate from Athens is that neither the Bulgars nor Turks, who are also reported to have arrived near the Greek frontier would be welcome in Greece, and that, therefore, if it has been decided to follow the Entente Allies, the task will be undertaken by the Austrians and Germans.

However, with railways destroyed, it may be some days before Greece is called upon to take any action, and by that time the Anglo-French force should be safe within the defences of Salonika and under the guns of their ships.

Remnants of the Serbs' army are still resisting the Austrians and Bulgars in Albania, while the Austrians are making very slow progress in their efforts to overcome Montenegro, where very heavy fighting continues.

Only small actions have taken place on the Eastern and Western fronts. On the Gallipoli Peninsula a fall of snow is impeding operations, although the Entente Allies' ships keep things lively for the Turks, whose attempt at an offensive last week seems to have failed.

Allies Control Greek Port

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The actual withdrawal of the Greek army from the path of the Allied forces which are retreating on Salonika is said to have been effected. A Reuters' despatch filed at Athens yesterday says: "As result of agreement between the Greek General Staff and the Allied Generals a division of the Greek army which has been stationed at Langaza has been withdrawn to Serres, about fifty miles north-east of Salonika.

The zone between Salonika and Doiran has been left free for the movements of the Allied troops. Allied military authorities to-day took over a portion of the Custom House at Salonika.

Helping Turkey To Save Bagdad

PETROGRAD, Dec. 13.—Germans in Persia are seeking to divert the attention of the Russian army of the Caucasus, according to the Russky Invalid, and cause it to scatter its forces over a large front in order to allow the Turks to throw part of their troops into the Mesopotamia campaign to save Bagdad. The Retch expresses the belief that the plan of the Germans to force the Dvinsk River, while it is frozen over, is not practicable as the winter is extremely rigorous, with heavy snow which hampers the movements of motor vehicles, and prevents the transport of sufficient munitions.

BRITAIN WILL BORROW OR BUY U. S. AND CANADIAN SECURITIES

Bill Empowering British Government to do This Passed a Second Reading—Step Made Necessary to Meet Demands Caused by Trade Balance Being Exhausted by Huge Demands For American Goods For England and Her Allies

LONDON, Dec. 14.—After an explanation by Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna and a short debate, the House of Commons this evening passed the second reading of the bill empowering the government to mobilize the American and Canadian securities by purchase or by borrowing them, to be used primarily as collateral for loans, or in case of necessity to be sold to meet British liabilities in the United States. The scheme is an entirely voluntary one, and the Chancellor made it clear that the Government had no intention of swamping the American market with securities, which would be unfair to holders here, as they were to be paid for at market price.

McKenna explained that the usual trade balance in favor of Great Britain had been exhausted by the huge demands made upon America for goods for Britain and her Allies, and the amounts paid in interest on foreign securities held here or earned by British shipping were not sufficient to set this right, consequently in order to meet the liabilities in the United States they were obliged to go outside the ordinary course of trade and borrow or sell securities.

He estimated the securities as held here were valued at anywhere from \$300,000,000 to \$800,000,000, and expressed the hope that this would be sufficient to meet our liabilities and maintain an exchange in the United States for the period of the war.

VIOLENT CANNONADING DIRECTION OF YPRES

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A news agency despatch from London says: "Uninterrupted cannonading has been going on with great violence for 4 hours in the direction of Ypres.

"King" Yuan Expects Hot Time

PEKING, Dec. 14.—The Chinese Cabinet went to the Palace in a body to-day to congratulate President Yuan Shi Kai on his forthcoming accession to the throne. The President said condolences would be more in order, as he had assumed the gravest responsibilities for himself and family.

The President discouraged any idea of holding entertainments or celebrating in other ways the re-establishment of a monarchy. He urged his ministers to redouble their efforts to better conditions in China.

ANOTHER

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British steamship Pinegrove has been sunk. The crew was saved. She was 2,847 tons.

NOT SUNK; SAFE IN PORT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The steamer Dante Alighieri and the trans-Atlantic liner Italiana has not been torpedoed, but are safe in an Italian port.

Peace Party Storm Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—A bill to prevent the carrying of passengers on ships with war munitions and relations to put a record in the Senate for raising the revenues for national defence by taxing munition manufacturers was introduced today. No action was taken on either.

To Reduce German Trade

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The object of all these agreements with neutral countries is the reduction of German trade, while preserving to neutrals their legitimate rights," said Premier Asquith. He contended the agreements involved no change of policy and did not indicate failure of the British blockade.

GREEK KING GIVES PERSONAL ASSURANCE?

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The King of Greece, in the course of an audience accorded to members of Entente diplomatic body at Athens, Saturday, gave his personal assurances which are regarded as satisfactory. This information is conveyed in a despatch from Athens.

GETTING ACQUAINTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Dr. Koo, the new Chinese Minister, presented his credentials to Secretary Lansing to-day. No official notification of the Chinese change to a monarchical form of Government has reached the State Department or the Chinese Legation.

ALL ARE SAVED

ST. PIERRE, Miq., Dec. 14.—The officers and crew of the British steamer St. Kilda, which foundered off the West coast of Miquelon in the storm of last week, were brought here to-day in the tug which went to their assistance, as they escaped from the vessel and landed on the cliffs.

SAYS GREEK TROOPS ARE OPPOSING INVADERS?

SALONIKA, Dec. 13.—The newspaper L'Opinion asserts that Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the Greek frontier and that Greek troops are moving towards the threatened point, apparently with the object of disputing the Bulgarian invasion.

NO ALL ROUND REDUCTION PROPOSED

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Government does not intend to propose an all-round reduction in Ministerial and Parliamentary salaries, Premier Asquith announced in the Commons this afternoon.

DIPLOMATIC RUPTURE PROBABLE

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam says, reports from Vienna say that the American note concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona caused intense anger amongst the Austrian government. A diplomatic rupture is considered probable. The question now before Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister is only whether a rupture with U. S. would not force Berlin to take similar steps. Count Tisza, Bulgarian Premier, have been summoned to Vienna to discuss the situation with the government.

Allies to Provide For Serb Refugees

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Allies' Governments have taken steps to provide for the needs of Serbian refugees as far as possible and ample supplies of food and clothing and shelter are being provided, said Lord Robert Cecil in Commons to-day.

"There are great difficulties to be surmounted in certain areas as it is not known to what extent the influx of refugees will be. I believe the numbers to be provided for will not be so large as at first supposed.

TURK ATTACK REPULSED

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Turkish attacks on the British army in Mesopotamia army at Kutelamara have been repulsed. This was announced in an official statement tonight, and British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

HARDLY A MAN ESCAPED BUT THEY SAVED THE DAY

Heroic Stand of Two Companies of Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and Another Irish Regiment Saved the British Forces When an Overwhelming Force of Bulgarians Compelled Them to Retreat—British Tried to Stem the Tide With Bayonet

LONDON, Dec. 14.—How two companies of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and another Irish Regiment forming one of the British Divisions which were making a fighting retreat from Serbia, sacrificed themselves to cover the retreat of their comrades, is told by the wounded who have reached the British headquarters in Macedonia.

The British, according to a correspondent to Reuters, in a despatch from the British Headquarters, were outnumbered ten to one by the Bulgars, who were also well supplied with guns and machine guns. Last Monday morning they were awakened by the heavy bombardment of the Bulgarians, who poured a hail of shot and shell on them, splintering rocks, which intensified the effect of their fire. The Bulgars' infantry then advanced and attacked in massed formation, but were punished severely, but scarcity of British guns did not permit them to take the full toll of the advancing Bulgarians. The British emptied their rifles rapidly into the enemy and tried to stem the tide with the bayonet, but were overcome by sheer weight of numbers and the position was lost. Similarly a second line was lost and the British fell back on the third line of defences. Two companies of the Inniskillings, however, held on to a ridge known as the Kevis Crest and kept back the Bulgarians the whole morning, although they were supported only by rifle fire. Hardly a man escaped, but their stand impressed and delayed the Bulgars, thus giving the British the much-needed time to complete the defensive dispositions of the third line, where the Bulgars were finally held up for four days.

The Bulgars, the correspondent adds, having suffered heavily here, since then, attempted no strong offensive up to last Sunday.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Dec. 13.—General French reports sixteen of our aeroplanes raided the store depot at Miramont aerodrome heavily. Considerable damage is believed to have been done. Bombardment of the enemy lines continues with good result. A small successful bombing attack near Neuve hapelle destroyed an enemy machine gun, and inflicted numerous casualties. Our casualties are one officer and four men wounded.

In the Black Sea Russian torpedo boats sank two Turkish gunboats. Italians have captured the strong height of Guidicace and the Concel valleys.

The press bureau announce that in Serbia the tenth division, after sustaining violent attacks by overwhelming numbers have retired with our Allies from Lake Doiran westward to the Vardar. The successful withdrawal was due to the gallant conduct of the troops, especially the Munster and Dublin Fusiliers and the Connaught Rangers. We lost fifteen hundred men and eight field guns.—BONAR LAW.

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. (official).—In Champagne to the south of the knoll at Le Menil, the German exploded a mine before one of our trenches. We occupied the crater. There were no important developments on the rest of the front.

TURKISH

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—A Turkish official report of the 12th. Dec. received here, says Shekh Said, East Kutelamara has been occupied upon the enemy's retreat by Turkish troops. Turkish artillery near Kutelamara sank several enemy pontoons.

NEUTRAL TERRITORY VIOLATED?

LONDON, Dec. 14.—"Are you aware," Sir Arthur Markham asked Sir Edward Grey in the House of Commons today, "that the neutral press has stated repeatedly that the Allies by sending troops through Greece, violated Greek neutrality in the same way in which Germany violated Belgian neutrality, and will the Government take steps to make it known to neutral countries that Greece requested the Allied to send troops?"

Lord Robert Cecil replied for the Foreign Secretary, saying: "I am aware such statements have been made, but they have been adequately ridiculed and contradicted."

ENEMY FORCES CONCENTRATED ON GREEK FRONTIER

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Forty thousand Bulgars, and an equal number of Austro-Germans are being concentrated between Monastir and the Greek front, according to a despatch to the Times from its Salonika correspondent. This force is said to include a considerable number of cavalry troops. Heavy fighting, the despatch says, was still in progress on Sunday in the neighbourhood of Lake Doiran.

THE BRITISH ROUT BAN DOF ARABS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A band of three hundred Arabs were routed, Saturday, by a British reconnoitering force in the vicinity of Matrah Sinai Peninsula. The Arabs, 35 of whom were killed and seven captured, were driven eastward. The British casualties were slight.

RUSSIANS DESTROY ZEPPLIN

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Russian artillery destroyed an Zeppelin airship on Dec. 5 near Statira Kalkin, on the Libau-Romir railway

EARL OF GLASGOW DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 13.—David Boyle Glasgow, seventh Earl of Glasgow, died to-day.

The man Baker who fell in the hold of the S. S. D. A. Gordon at Clarendville died as the result of a fractured skull, according to the finding of the doctors who examined the body.

SECOND READING "BLACKLIST" BILL PASSES HOUSE OF COMMONS

Steps Are Taken to Prevent Intercourse With Firms of German Nationality or Neutral Firms of Doubtful Standing — German Firms in South America Are Amongst the Ones 'Blacklisted'

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Government proposes a "black list" of enemy traders and neutral countries with whom British firms will be prohibited from trading says Lord Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving in the Commons the second reading of the bill which he presented to the House on Dec. 8 designed to restrict trading with possible hostile interests.

The lists, he continued, would not necessarily be confined to persons of German nationality, but would include such as were by nature of their business were substantially enemy firms and could safely be cut off from British intercourse without serious injury to British trade.

In South America, said the Under-secretary, there were a number of German firms at present assisting Britain's enemies and trade with these firms by British firms would be rendered illegal by the bill. The Solicitor-General explained the purpose of the bill was to force another weapon with which to cripple the enemy.

The bill was read twice.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

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94—Private Hubert Job Rendell, Grand Falls. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

1166—Private Adolphus Garrett Heath, Woodside Avenue, New York. Admitted 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

ALREADY REPORTED 1003—Private Wm. Henry Clarke, Previously reported with enteric, Malta, Oct. 20; now reported admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

1261—Private Frank Taylor, Water Street East, Harbor Grace. Previously reported with typhoid, Malta, Oct. 11; now reported admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

913—Private Martin B. Collins, Placentia. Previously reported with dysentery, Malta, Oct. 14; now reported admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth; enteric.

239—Private Selby Clarke, Whitbourne. Previously reported sick (slight); now reported admitted to 2nd Western General Hospital, Manchester; dysentery.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

The Report of Sir John French

London, Dec. 14.—Field Marshal Sir John French sends the following report from the British front in France:

"Last night we blew up a mine in front of Gienchy, and we occupied the crater to-day. There was considerable activity on various points of the front; we bombarded enemy's positions East of Ypres and in the neighborhood of Freilinghen and shelled with heavy howitzers the enemy mine shaft North of Labassee Canal. In the neighborhood of Somme there was some fighting with trench mortars, rifle, grenades. Weather to-day bright and cold."

A policeman can get credit even if he is on the beat.

PLEBESCITE GRANTED FOR VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—Premier McBride wrote to the Prohibition Executive in Vancouver saying he would grant a plebescite, not a referendum, on the occasion of the next Provincial election, which must be held some time between now and next June. He did not mention the date. He thought some simple question should be asked of the electors, other than the mere question of whether or not they were in favor of prohibition. The Premier also said he was in favor of closing bars early during the period of war, but if this were done a legislative enactment would be necessary. The Premier's letter will be presented to-morrow at a meeting of the Committee of One Hundred.

KING GEORGE RECOVERED

LONDON, Dec. 14.—King George, who suffered severe injuries by being thrown from his horse while visiting the British front in France, on Oct. 28 last, has recovered sufficiently to take up the affairs of the State under certain restrictions.

Some men would rather lose a friend than the best of an argument.

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