

GERMANS TO MARCH ON MOSCOW

Will Exact Severe Reprisals for Murder of Ambassador RUSSIA MAY ONCE MORE PLAY PART IN WAR; ANTI-GERMAN FEELING ROUSED

March on Moscow, Accompanied by Ruthless Severities, May be Ordered by Kaiser in Retaliation For Assassination of Count Von Mirbach--Latter Killed in His Office by Two Unknown Men Who Made Their Escape

By Courier Leased Wire.

There are many indications that the news from Russia in the next few days will be important and significant as concerns the future of that troubled country.

In the north the residents of the Murman region have thrown off the authority of the Bolsheviki government in Moscow, and joined the Entente Allies. There is a great amount of war supplies in this region and American, French and British troops are guarding it, while German and Finnish forces have been reported advancing in force northward from Finland. The Murmansk coast offers a starting point for Allied operations in Russia.

Germany has not yet acted on the murder of Count von Mirbach, the ambassador in Moscow. The Bolsheviki government has made apologies and has enforced strong measures in Moscow in an endeavor to find the assassin. Opinion in France and England is agreed that far-reaching results may be expected from this act, which is compared in importance to the murder of Arch-duke Francis Ferdinand, the Austrian heir-apparent.

Former Premier Kerensky believes

KILLED IN OFFICE.

discel, July 6--Gen. Count von Mirbach, German ambassador to Russia was assassinated to-day at Moscow, according to news dispatch received here. Obtaining admittance under false pretences, two unknown men entered the private office of von Mirbach this morning. A short discussion ensued, then revolver shots were heard, followed by explosions of hand grenades.

The ambassador died almost instantaneously. The assassins escaped.

Von Mirbach has been active in negotiations between Ger-

many and the Bolsheviki. He was formerly German minister to Greece. The Bolsheviki government consented to his nomination as ambassador to Russia last April. In May a dispatch from Moscow said the demands presented by the German ambassador would virtually make Russia a German colony. On May 27 the Russian government agreed to the appointment of von Mirbach as an intermediary between Russia and the Transcaucasian government. On May 31 he obtained from Russia an acceptance of the German proposal for peace negotiations between the

the Germans will march on Moscow, but thinks the murder is the first sign of awakened anti-German feeling in Russia. LONDON, July 8.--The assassination of Count von Mirbach, the German ambassador to Russia, is seen as an event of great importance, which may have far-reaching results by the newspapers here.

The Daily Mail and The Daily Express agree that the assassination may have momentous consequences, and compare it to the murder of the Arch-duke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo four years ago. The Express adds:

"German influence (in Russia) can only be established on a solid basis by the maintenance of a great army of occupation. Russia may once more play a part in the war."

The Daily Chronicle expects that if the German Emperor has his way there will be a march on Moscow, accompanied by ruthless severities, although it is possible a more prudent policy may prevail, especially as Lenin and Thitcherlin will accept almost any demands for reparation. It thinks, nevertheless, that such a surrender might precipitate the downfall of the Bolsheviki government.

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TURCO-BULGARIAN DISPUTE IS STILL FAR FROM SETTLED

Two Countries Disagree on Division of Territory Taken from Roumania by Peace Treaty With Central Powers--Question Is To the Forefront in Constantinople

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, July 8.--The Turco-Bulgarian dispute over the division of territory taken from Roumania over the peace agreement, with the central powers, is still at the forefront in Constantinople, according to indications in a Constantinople telegram to the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung of Essen.

The German newspaper quotes the Turkish journal Sabah as declaring that the apparent swinging round of opinion in Germany regarding the Turco-Bulgarian frontier question has

made an unfavorable impression in Turkey, but this had disappeared when Dr. von Kuehmann, the German foreign secretary, had publicly voted his approval of the Turkish standpoint.

"But how will the declaration of the secretary of state be received in Sofia?" asked the Constantinople newspaper. "Will Bulgaria also restrict her insatiable appetite. Unhappily there is little hope of this."

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New York State paid one quarter of all taxation across the border last year.

King George V. and Queen Mary observed their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday.

PERFECT NATIONAL DEFENCES OF JAPAN

Plan For Co-operation Between Army and Navy Also Adopted.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 8.--Measures for perfecting the national defences of Japan were decided upon and a plan for co-operation between the army and navy was adopted by the council of field marshals and admirals held recently in Japan, says a despatch to The Times from Tokyo under date of July 1. The army, it is said, will comprise 21 corps with two divisions to the corps and three regiments to the division. The changes will not necessarily be effective immediately.

The Times computes that the new measure will double the strength of the Japanese army.

AUSTRALIANS ADVANCE LINE ON THE SOMME

Consolidate Positions and Make Progress on a Front of 3000 Yards.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

Heavy Firing By French and German Guns on Marne and Somme.

AMERICANS TO FORE

Aided Australian Troops in Daring Raid Last Week.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 8.--Australian troops last night advanced their line astride the Somme slightly on a front of 3,000 yards, says the official report from Field Marshal Haig to-day. Several prisoners were taken.

The German artillery displayed activity in the Somme region during the night. It was similarly active north of Albert in the vicinity of Beaumont-Hamel and on the Flanders front in the neighborhood of Bethune.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Paris, July 8.--There was some activity last night by the artillery on the western side of the Marne salient between the forest of Villers-Cotteret and the River Marne, to-day's War Office statement shows. No infantry engagements took place.

The text of the statement reads: "The night was marked by artillery actions between the Forest of Villers-Cotteret and the Marne. There were no infantry actions."

Amaz-American Feat. With the British Army in France, Sunday, July 7.--(By the Associated Press.)--In the German counter-attack against the new positions gained by the Australians and Americans around Hamel, two Americans and five Australians were captured by the enemy. Volunteers were called for and an American party brought back the captured men and a German officer, while twelve Australians brought the num-

MOMENTOUS HAPPENINGS IN THE MAKING ON WEST FRONT; GERMANS PREPARING TO LAUNCH FRESH MASSES AGAINST ALLIES

RUMOR SAYS AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IS A TRAITOR

Charles and His Wife Suspected of Having Sold Plans to Italians--Planned Flee From Austria.

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, July 8.--No light has yet been shed on the mysterious rumors concerning Emperor Charles and Empress Zita of Austria, which Dr. von Seydler, the premier, found necessary to deny when his attention was called to them by a group of Austrian deputies. The premier denied "these base and absolutely senseless tales," and declared that anyone caught spreading the rumors would be punished severely.

One report circulated among certain continental papers is that the royal pair is charged with revealing the plans of the recent battle along the Piave to the Italians. Another report is that the emperor and empress planned to flee from Austria.

The origin of the rumors is not given, but a theory advanced is that the Austrian public is indignant at Emperor Charles' peace overtures through Prince Sixtus of Bourbon,

which caused a sensation in diplomatic circles of the Central Empires. According to messages from Vienna, the visit of the deputies to Dr. von Seydler was preceded by a public meeting of the Christian Social Party which was attended by Cardinal Piffli, archbishop of Vienna, and where the rumors concerning Emperor Charles and Empress Zita were energetically denied. The Austrian state censor prohibited publication of the details of this meeting.

NEW OFFENSIVE COMING

Paris, July 8.--(Havas Agency)--A new offensive is impending on the Trentino front. General Ludendorff, says a dispatch to The Matin from reliable sources in Switzerland, personally has visited the Austrian headquarters there, and has hastened preparations for another blow against the Italians. Considerable reinforcements it is added, are being concentrated at Innsbruck and Trent.

"CITY OF VIENNA" ASHORE WITH CANADIAN TROOPS

Entire Company of 1,400 Landed Safely--Large Ship May Go To Pieces Near Canadian Port--Fishermen Aid in Rescue Work

By Courier Leased Wire.

A Canadian Atlantic Port, July 8.--When the Hall liner City of Venice with 1,400 Canadian troops, consisting of various drafts and details, on board, ran ashore on a dangerous rock near here in a thick fog, it was at first feared that there might be considerable loss of life.

There was a heavy on-shore swell and dense fog, and the steamer, exposed to the full force of every wave, was in danger. It was thought, of speedily breaking up. But the troops and men have been safely landed and the ship herself still holds together, so that there is even a possibility of saving her.

Fishermen to Rescue. According to the story told by the rescued men, it was about seven o'clock in the morning that the City

of Venice, endeavoring to make harbor, struck the ledge. The engines were reversed without avail, and the ship was driven ashore. The crew, guns, too, were fired, and could be heard on shore, a mile or more from the rock. Fishermen soon located the ship and returned to shore to report her exact location.

Orders were given by the port authorities for the boats from nearby lifesaving stations to proceed to the City of Venice and take off as many men as the boats would accommodate, and other craft was despatched from the harbor to the scene. So rough was the sea that one harbor tug was forced to return to port with water almost up to the fires in her engine room.

bet of German prisoners to 50. The story of this incident as told by an American officer who took part in the fighting follows:

"The Boches did not bother us until Thursday when they made their counter-attack, which was repulsed. They did succeed in the first rush, however, in getting hold of two Americans and five Australians, whom they carried back.

"We immediately called for volunteers to go out after these captured men and all our men at once began yelling for the chance. A corporal was given a squad of men for the work.

"The guns had put down a heavy barrage, but the corporal led his

chaps straight through this fire and charged hot-foot after the retreating enemy. The Germans retired to a strong point, but the volunteer party went in after them.

"Our boys were re-taken along with the five Australians, and the corporal and his party also captured a Boche officer. In the meantime, twelve Australians had circled around, joined the American party with the result that 50 German prisoners were brought back.

"We were surprised," the officer added, "at some of the prisoners taken. Most of them were strapping fellows, but there was a lot of them who, while big, were very young.

"I want to say here that those Australians are magnificent fighters. (Continued on Page 3.)

Lull of Past Few Days is Not Expected to Continue Long.

ENEMY IS PREPARING Allies, Meantime, Strengthen Latest Positions Won From Teutons.

MINOR OPERATIONS.

(By The Associated Press.) Momentous happenings are in the making on the western front. The lull of the past few days will not continue long and it is not improbable the Germans will break it by hurling their masses against the Allied line to crush it, if possible.

Correspondents at the front, while reporting that a new German blow is impending, obviously are unable to give grounds for the belief. But the Germans have had much time in which to prepare for further great strokes and it is known they have from 30 to 40 divisions in shape to throw into the fray. Added to this is the fact that the Germans have not been very active for more than a week and their counter-attacks have not been carried out with the usual strength and determination.

Meanwhile the Allies are busy strengthening their positions taken from the enemy in the past week. Raids are being carried out here and there, but not in great strength, except in the case of the Australians who have moved forward 400 yards on a front of more than a mile in the Hamel region, south of the Somme. The American sectors have been quiet since the activity of Saturday when the French made a slight gain near Chateau Thierry on a sector adjoining that held by the Americans.

Feelin reports this very local incident as attacks in strong force which were parried.

On the Italian front the Italians are consolidating and strengthening the positions taken near the mouth of the Piave. Vienna admits the loss of the ground east and southeast of Cane Sile, which was the nearest the enemy had got to Venice. There has been only slight activity in the mountain zone.

WAR COUNCIL ABOLISHED By Courier Leased Wire. Washington, July 8.--Secretary of War Baker today formally abolished the war council and turned over its principal functions to the assistant secretaries of war.

Chief of staff, and Major-General Goethals, assistant chief of staff, in charge of purchases, storage and traffic.

VICTORY AT HAND? Peculiar Marking of 1918 Oak Crop May be Auspicious Omen

Seventeen years ago, in the year that the Boer war came to a close, a peculiar phenomenon was observed in the oak crop of Ontario, every leaf of which bore the distinct impression of a capital B. Considerable attention was paid to the occurrence at the time, and the belief obtained in many districts that it was an omen of victory. Years passed, and the legend was well nigh forgotten, for the phenomenon was not repeated until this year. Several oak leaves were brought into the Courier office this morning by Miss Luff of Weir, and upon each the B was easily to be distinguished. The same marking has been observed in other parts this year, every leaf bearing the design. Whether or not it is an indeed an omen of imminent victory, the recurrence of so peculiar a phenomenon is in itself worthy of note.

The oak stalks handed in to the Courier are in themselves of a fine length and quality, and give every indication of forming part of a splendid crop.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, July 8.--The disturbance near the Atlantic coast has increased in energy and the weather continues cold and rainy in the Gulf and Maritime Provinces and winds have increased to moderate gales. The weather is fine and cool from Ontario westward to the Pacific.

Foggy. Fresh north and northwest winds, fair and cool to-day and on Tuesday.

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LONG MAY THEY REIGN



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