

CAN ALLIES STOP DRIVE IN SERBIA?

If Teutonic Forces Can Only Be Held Until Reinforcements Come.

The controversy at the moment is as to whether a serious stand is to be made in the Balkans or not. The shifting of the German offensive to this sphere has been foreseen for several months and it is not remarkable that the plans of the allies supreme command are still in a state of flux, though the being kept secret is quite natural.

The military situation in the Balkans presents itself somewhat as follows. On the side of Germany there is the Austro-German army in Serbia, which we may place at about 200,000 men. Serbian estimates do not put it above that number, and the effect of the withdrawal of German troops from the Russian front has been felt so immediately that a further thinning of the line in the east is not probable. Bulgaria's army may be estimated at a quarter of a million men. The Turkish forces in Europe cannot be more than 200,000. The allies thus have some 650,000 men to deal with. Against this formidable display there are the Serbians to the number of 150,000. If we consider the wastage of previous campaigns and the ravages of disease, and the Anglo-French forces in the Balkans of about 200,000 men. The allies would thus be outnumbered 2 to 1, and if we include the troops landed in Saloniki, the odds against us must be at least 3 to 1. The Central Powers have the further advantage of forming a solid line. Bulgaria strikes hands with the Teutons in the north and the Turks in the south. The allies, on the other hand, are broken in two, with a great gap between Gallipoli and the expeditionary force in Serbia. More than that, the Gallipoli army is more than half of the entire allied strength, leaving less than one-half to face the onset of two-thirds of the Central armies.

GRAVE, BUT NOT DESPERATE.

This is the situation which we may properly regard as grave. But it is not desperate in the teaching of the war up to the present. The strength of the defensive has so clearly been demonstrated that even if outnumbered three to two, the allies should be able to stem the tide until the disparity in numbers is redressed. But here is where new doubts arise. Each of the allies were to contribute 50,000 men into the Balkans, the situation would be altered. Russia has promised to send men as soon as available. But Russia needs all the troops she can raise, and the suggested landing in Bulgaria is full of difficulties. The allies, however, might do without Russia. Italy might spare a hundred thousand men. The Anglo-French could make up the rest. But is the venture worth while? That is the question to be fore, especially in Paris. France needs her own army. Unlike England, she is not a luxury to think of brilliant possibilities far away while her own territory is still in the hands of the invader. Hence there is talk in Paris and London of the possibility of giving up the Balkan campaign. Yet the indications are strong that as between the party that favors taking the losses in the Balkans and those who favor throwing in higher stakes, the latter will have their way. The despatch of a Canadian Base Hospital to Sicily indicates that the present plans are for an increase rather than a decrease in activity in that region, as well as giving us a social interest in the near east campaign.

SIR E. CARSON HAS RESIGNED FROM CABINET

Attorney-General, Taken Into Coalition Last April, Steps Out.

London, Oct. 19.—The Attorney-General of England, Sir Edward Carson, has resigned from the cabinet.

GENERAL ELECTION POSSIBLE

Dublin, Oct. 19.—Presiding at the Nationalist convention yesterday John E. Redmond said that a grave political crisis might arise any day. The position of the coalition Government, he declared, was precarious. It was threatened by internal and external difficulties.

CRISIS IN NEAR EAST

London, Oct. 19.—From an authoritative source the statement is made that the resignation of Sir Edward Carson, the first open manifestation of the divergence of views known to exist among the Ministers, is the result not of the controversy over conscription, but of the condition of affairs in the Near East.

Sir Edward himself, so far, has made no personal explanation of his reasons for resigning, but it is understood that he disapproves of the policy which is being followed in the Balkans and of the method of conducting the whole national policy to a small "inner cabinet."

It is expected that there will be exciting debates in the House of Commons this week, as severe attacks on the government are planned by members of the House in connection with the general military policy, especially in the Near East.

The Attorney-General did not attend any of the cabinet meetings held recently.

Nuptial Notes

RANSOM-HOUSER

A very quiet wedding was celebrated this afternoon at the Wellington St. Methodist Episcopal church, when Miss L., the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houser, 126 Grey St. was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Charles H. Ransom, of this city, by the Rev. Dr. Geo. Henderson. The popular young couple left on the afternoon train on a brief honeymoon, and on their return will reside at 28 Foster St., Brantford.

Sharks have been fairly frequent visitors to the Fifth of Clyde recently, and the other day the crew of one of the Girvan fishing boats found one entangled in their fishing nets. On being brought ashore it was found to measure seven feet in length.

Dan's Review says mercantile situation is steadily approaching normal, while boom times have returned in iron and steel, and other industries with few exceptions are participating in general expansion.

A sentry dog belonging to one of the French line regiments has been mentioned in dispatches. By barking loudly it saved an advance post from being stripped and wiped out.

Italy Declares

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garia, according to an announcement by the Stefani News Agency.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Havas correspondent at Rome telegraphs: "The Italian Government by order of the king declared that a state of war existed between Italy and Bulgaria by reason of Bulgaria's having opened hostilities against Serbia, thus allying itself with the enemies of Italy and combating her allies."

RUSSIA COMING

Paris, Oct. 19.—A Russian declaration of war against Bulgaria is imminent, according to the Petit Parisien.

"The declaration of war," says the newspaper, "probably will coincide with a manifesto to the Bulgarians by Emperor Nicholas which will characterize as treason King Ferdinand's entry into the war. The delay in publishing two documents is due to the fact that they had to be sent to the Emperor at the front. Italy also is preparing to proclaim a state of war against Bulgaria. Premier Salandra has sent the King who is on the firing line, the text of the declaration he has drawn up in collaboration with Baron Sonnino, the foreign minister.

IMPORTANCE OF RAILWAY

Naples, via Rome, Oct. 18, 10 p.m. Paris, Oct. 19.—Travelers from the Near East just arrived here on the steamship Roumania and interviewed by the Roma assert that the real purpose of the present struggle in the Balkans is not to prevent the sending of munitions and food to Constantinople, but to keep the central powers from cutting off the supply of munitions to Russia by her allies over the Saloniki-Nish route. They point out that the Bulgarians were in the best position to carry out the plan of cutting off these Russian supplies and at the same time deprive Serbia of munitions from the same source.

ENVELOPING MOVEMENT

Milan, via Paris, Oct. 19.—The correspondent of the Secolo at Bucharest telegraphs that the Serbians are striving to occupy Widin to prevent the Germans from establishing communication with the Bulgarians by the Lom-Palanka route. The Serbian army is seeking to envelop the Bulgarian troops operating in the direction of the Timok River.

FRENCH WOUNDED

AT SALONIKI Paris, Oct. 19.—Denial is made in Athens that railway communication between Saloniki and Nish has been interrupted. The Athens correspondent of the Havas News Agency, who forwarded this information to-day reported also that the arrival at Saloniki was expected of the first train bearing French soldiers wounded in fighting with Bulgarians.

The Hestia of Athens says that the arrival of French troops has prevented the Bulgarians from interrupting railway communication. The Bulgarians, this newspaper states, were thrown back heavily on the 17th, and the marks of the rifle fire through which it had passed.

A GOOD HAUL

London, Oct. 19.—A despatch to the Chronicle from Rome says: "The Bulgarians have taken 20,000 prisoners and four sons in the Gornacco sector. The enemy's losses in killed and wounded also were very heavy. The Serbians were victorious in the Timok region of Northeast Serbia, taking three hundred prisoners."

RESISTING FURIOUSLY

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Serbians are offering stout resistance to the Teutonic advance in the Semendria section, according to information from Nish received by the Journal. A wireless message sent by the Austrian general in charge there to Field Marshal von Mackensen and intercepted by the Serbians is said to be as follows: "Impossible to accomplish my task successfully unless you send heavy reinforcements immediately."

It is reported that a Bulgarian regiment refused to fight against the Serbs at Kadibogatz near Kaniagevatz, and killed its colonel. The regiment, it is said, was surrounded, and decimated by the rest of the division.

Sunday harvesting was carried on recently by a number of farmers in the Lothians, and a large quantity of corn was stacked. A serious amount of sheep worrying has been going on in East Lothian. On one farm no less than twenty-five sheep were killed.

Auction Sale

of Real Estate

Under and by virtue of Chapter 286, Section 11, of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, being an Act respecting the Property of Religious Institutions, the Brantford Hebrew Association will offer for sale in public auction, at the Court House, in the City of Brantford, on Wednesday, the twenty-first day of October, 1915, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following lands and premises: In the Northernly half of Lot Number Sixteen on the Eastern side of William Street, in the said City of Brantford, together with and subject to a right of way on, over and along a line of road ten feet wide extending from William Street to the rear of said lot and passing for its centre line the dividing line between the said lot and the lot of said Lot. Said right of way to be used for the common use of the Brantford Hebrew Association and one John Fagan, the respective heirs and assigns, owners and occupants of the said North and South halves of said Lot for all time.

TERMS OF SALE: 10 per cent of the purchase money at the time of sale and the balance in two weeks. For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned Solicitor. Dated at Brantford this twenty-seventh day of September, 1915.

M. E. MEIR, 140 Broadview St., Brantford, Ont., Solicitor for the Brantford Hebrew Association.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 274.

Miss Eva Fish spent the week-end in Hamilton.

Mrs. Richard Deas, of Roxborough street, East Toronto, is a visitor in the city.

Mrs. D. Spencer Large will receive Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week.

Miss Anne Robertson of Woodstock is a visitor for a few days with her sister, Mrs. Thornton, Wellington St.

Miss A. Gummo and Miss Cardem of Hamilton, were week end visitors at Mr. W. S. Jago's, 66 St. Paul Ave.

While in the city, Sir George Foster will be the guest of Col. H. Cockshutt, and Hon. G. P. Graham of Mr. T. H. Preston.

Capt. M. G. Dover of Winnipeg, and Capt. Midford of Ottawa, are visitors in the city, stopping at the Kerby House.

Lieut. J. A. Pearce of the 68th Battalion, Niagara, is spending a few days in the city at the parental home on his last leave of absence before going overseas.

Yesterday Mr. Percy Verity left for Batavia, N.Y., where he has accepted the position of superintendent of the Massey-Harris Company Batavia plant. Mrs. Verity and family expect to remain in Brantford until Spring.

Harry Yost, business manager of the company playing "Bringing P U Father," was in town to-day looking after the interests of the musical comedy which will be at the Grand Opera House on next Tuesday evening, October 26th.

Prof. Stephen Leacock, of McGill University, speaking on "The Teaching of English," before the annual convention of the Protestant teachers of Quebec.

"It is an amazing fact, but it is nevertheless true," said Professor Leacock, "that Mr. Rudyard Kipling and Sir James Barrie would fail in English if they tried to pass the entrance examination of any Canadian University. King George, from whom presumably the King's English flows as from its fountains, might at perhaps half way through a Canadian high school in the subject.

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CALLS GRAMMAR AND LITERATURE SILLY SUBJECTS

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Dormitory Kolts Beats Expositor

The Dormitory Kolts won three straight games from the Expositors in the City Bowling League last evening, both teams had their routers out in full force and as the games were comparatively close the interest was intense.

Harry Fleming was high man for the evening with a high single of 191 and high triple of 538.

For the Expositors Matthews was high with 497. The following are the scores:—

EXPOSITOR

Cassell 109 137 126— 372

Deagle 135 158 164— 457

Pittman 150 153 126— 429

Matthews 181 144 172— 497

575 592 588—1755

KOLTS

Douglass 137 150 146— 435

Ryley 179 126 168— 473

Fleming 174 191 173— 538

Cobbald 173 164 183— 499

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The Bankers and the Keystones will roll their scheduled league game on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. This game promises to be exciting as both teams are close rivals.

The Bowlers are starting to get into mid-season form and the scores of the last few games indicate that the league is going to be a mighty interesting proposition before long.

Roy Branton, of Hamilton, was a visitor in town last evening and rolled three games for a nice total of 550. A lot of new faces are noticed around the bowling alleys these evenings, and many of the old timers are coming back in real form.

Lifeboat day was observed as a festival recently at Ayr. A large number of ladies were engaged sailing flags in the streets. In the afternoon a procession through the principal streets was witnessed by great crowds of people. A swimming gala was held after the procession and returned to the Low Green. The day's proceedings turned in a handsome sum to the fund.

Despite the special act of parliament to disperse with municipal elections this year, there will be an election in the burgh of Findochty. The reason is that, although a burgh, Findochty has at present no Town Council. It is a new burgh, and requires a Town Council before it can comply with even the new act.

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