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BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The hospital ship Anglia struck a mine off Folkestone and sank. About eighty lives were lost.

General French reports artillery activity, especially south of LaBassee, and south-west and east of Ypres.

No special news from the French, Russian or Italian fronts.

Violent fighting in Serbia. Bulgarians claim successes.—BONAR LAW.

FRENCH

PARIS, Nov. 18. (official).—The French war office to-night gave out the following: Around Loos Alzo Alger, Souchez, cannonading has been very violent on both sides.

In Argonne we exploded two series of mines which destroyed the German trenches to a considerable extent. The army of East, November 5th, Bulgarians abandoned their attacks against our left bank of the Cerna, west of Kirovaki, they withdrew to Archanal Heights, north of the village Ciceva, leaving behind them many bodies.

Spain Faces Cabinet Crisis

MADRID, Nov. 17.—A cabinet crisis resulted today from a debate in parliament on a bill for military reform, proposed by the Minister of War, Lieutenant-General Echaguan.

In the course of the debate Count Romanones, former Premier, said that the annual army budget reached the figure of about \$60,000,000, which was spent for the maintenance on a peace footing of an army of 40,000 with 488 cannon.

Antonio Maura, leader of the Conservatives and former Premier, also criticized adversely the present military system.

Premier Data announced that he would lay before the cabinet the question, and demand a vote of confidence.

Italian Troops For the Balkans

ROME, Nov. 17. (Delayed in transmission).—Italy, according to a statement obtained from a reliable source will in the end join the Entente Allies at Salonika.

It is said now that the Italian General Staff is only waiting for an opportunity to detach the necessary forces. These troops, it is understood, will become available now that the Italians have obtained control of the Plateau dominating Gorizia, and, as a result, have advanced through the Carso region.

SERBIAN ARMY IN CRITICAL POSITION

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The fate of the Serbian army may be only a matter of hours. Monastir is reported to be in such a perilous position that the consular officials have departed from the city.

2000 SERBIANS TAKEN PRISONERS

BERLIN, Nov. 17.—The attempts of the Serbians to check the Austro-German drive have again failed, the War Office announced today. More than 2,000 Serbians were captured yesterday.

Military and Diplomatic Situation In Balkans Is Disquieting

Main Serbian Army is Now Encompassed on Every Side but One Which Leaves Them Only Two Lines of Retreat—One Into Albania and the Other Across Greek Border Where They Are in Danger of Being Disarmed and Interned—Britain Demands Action by Greece and is Supported by Italy and France

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Both the military and diplomatic situation of the Allies in the Balkans is disquieting, if not critical, which doubtless led to the visit of the British Prime Minister, H. H. Asquith, David Lloyd George and A. J. Balfour to Paris for a conference with the French Cabinet and General Joffre, the French Commander-in-Chief.

The main Serbian army, under General Putnik, which is operating in the north, is now encompassed on every side but one, being cut off from the south by the Bulgarians' advance beyond Tetovo, and must depend upon the rough roads through Montenegro and Albania for any supplies from the sea.

It is to prevent the latter eventuality that the Entente Powers are putting forth every effort. Unquestionably this matter has been discussed in Paris by the British and French Ministers.

The British Government has taken further action by the issue of an order that no Greek vessel, except those loaded or loading, may proceed to their destination.

While Denis Cochin, a member of

the French Cabinet, who was given an enthusiastic reception at Athens by the Municipal authorities and the people he is expected to express very firmly the French view of what is considered the unsatisfactory reply of Greece to the Entente Power request for safe conduct of both Serbian and Allied forces, should they be compelled to retire into Greece.

There are no changes on the French, Italian and Russian fronts, but the presence of Russian warships near German positions suggests that the offensive which he undertook west of Riga.

The loss of the British hospital ship Anglia in the English Channel and another vessel which went to her assistance, is held to be due to mines which had broken from their moorings during the recent storms.

According to this information, which their correspondent says is unjudicial, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French, and have been defeated by the British on the Valadovo front.

Our expedition to the Balkans is reaching a critical stage, telegraphs the correspondent at Salonika in the Journal, under date of Sunday. He adds:

"Notwithstanding appeals by competent personalities, our reinforcements are not anything like the number required. Our enemies have decided to nip in the bud, at any cost our offensive in the east, and are prepared to adopt any means to obtain the necessary assistance. We hope that this formula is well understood.

Swede Torpedo Boat Makes Hun Sub. Scoot

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 18.—The British steamer Thelma's departure from Trelleborg, Sweden, where she had been lying since the beginning of the war, was marked by an exciting naval adventure in which the vessel escaped capture by a German destroyer, through the assistance rendered by the Swedish torpedo boat Pollux, on Tuesday.

When south of Landskrona, sixteen miles east of Copenhagen, the Thelma was pursued by the German destroyer U 132, into Swedish territorial waters. While the Germans were in the act of boarding the steamer, the Pollux forced them to return to their boat, and running between the vessels, informed the Germans that every means would be employed to prevent the Thelma from being taken.

Must Obtain Special Permit

LONDON, Nov. 18.—An Order in Council will shortly be issued declaring that during the continuance of the war all Britishers of military age, desiring to leave the United Kingdom, even on a trip, must obtain special permission.

This permission will not be given without good cause.

THEIR FINAL PLUNGE

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The steamer Lusitania of London has been sunk, crew safely landed. The Lusitania was a vessel of 1834 tons, and was built in 1903.

The British steamer Trengles has been sunk. Trengles was a vessel of 1886 tons, built in 1906.

Hospital Ship Anglia Sunk

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The British hospital ship Anglia was sunk by a mine in the English Channel today. Three hundred men were saved out of a total of 385. The official statement says:

"It is stated that thirteen officers and 372 men were on board the Anglia and that 300 had been saved. The Anglia was a merchantman, which was taken over by the British Admiralty after the opening of the war. She was refitted as a hospital ship and was commissioned in August of last year."

There are four British steamships named Anglia. The one converted into the hospital ship probably is the former London and North Western railway steamer. She was 1,862 tons gross, 329 ft. long and built in 1900 at Dumbarton. The other three steamers are small vessels. At the time she was commissioned the Anglia was in charge of Commander Oscar V. de Satg, retired.

WILL PERMIT NO FRESH LOADINGS

LONDON, Nov. 18.—With regard to the reported embargo on Greek ships from British ports, the Greek Legation here says that Britain has consented to all Greek ships loaded or loading may proceed to their destinations, but that no fresh loading be permitted.

FRENCH SHIPMENTS TO GREECE STOPPED

PARIS, Nov. 18.—A Havas despatch from Marseilles says the Government has ordered the port authorities to accept no further shipments of merchandise destined for Greece.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT NOVEMBER 18, 1915

- 929—Private Richard Joseph Lawlor, 41 Bannerman St. Typhoid, serious; Malta, Nov. 4.
486—Private Edward White, Twil lingate. Dangerously ill, enteric; Alexandria, Nov. 13.
690—Private Walter Campbell Smith, St. John's. Dysentery; arrived in England.
732—Private William Geo. Tibbs, Trinity. Wounded. Arrived in England, wounded.
J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

British and French Forces Rout Bulgars

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Important successes for both French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency.

Sees Nothing But "Blue" Ruin

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Northcliffe Doesn't Know Him

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Lord Northcliffe today denied a denial of a statement made last Saturday night in New York by S. Curtis Morgan, who said he was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the British Army, and that investigations of war munitions contracts in this country, begun by Lord Northcliffe and John Annan Bryce, would result in a scandal that would stir all England and the United States.

CHASING THEIR SHADOWS

LONDON, Nov. 18.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen dated Wednesday, gives the report that a flotilla of 25 German torpedo boats, and a big cruiser passed Holsingborg, south west coast of Sweden at six o'clock this morning proceeding at high speed northward at 3 p.m. Holdingborg is at Northern entrance of the sound which separates Sweden from Denmark.

REDMOND VISITS TRENCHES

LONDON, Nov. 18.—John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists party, has arrived at Boulogne on the western front. It was announced several days ago that as soon as arrangements could be made, Redmond intended to pay a visit to the men in the trenches.

ITALIAN VICTORY OVER AUSTRIANS

ROME, Nov. 18.—A victory for the Italian forces which were attempting to capture Gorizia is announced by the war office to-day. A strong Austrian position north west of the city was captured.

ANXIETY INCREASED

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The sinking of the Anglia has caused great anxiety in the public mind, as it had been supposed that the English Channel was entirely free of danger from mines.

French Minister Well Received

PARIS, Nov. 17.—The arrival of Denys Cochin, French cabinet minister, last evening at Athens, on a special demonstration of sympathy for France, that lasted from 11 o'clock at night to an early hour this morning.

Another Italian Steamer Sunk

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—A despatch from Rome says the Italian passenger steamer Bormida has been sunk by a submarine.

POWERS SURPRISED AT MAGNITUDE OF STRUGGLE

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Viscount Haldane, former War Secretary, speaking at Hamstead to-night declared, that the Germans would have reached Paris, perhaps Calais, had not the Government taken prompt action upon warnings which he himself and others had given of the German intentions.

THE QUESTION OF CONTRABAND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—A memorandum which will form the basis of note to Britain regarding contraband is now in course of preparation by the State Department. It was learned to-day that it had not been definitely decided yet what attitude the United States would take as regards the action of Great Britain in placing on the contraband list cotton and other products never before treated as contraband.

STEAMER ULRIKEN SUNK

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 18.—According to newspaper reports, the Norwegian steamer Ulriken, 1454 tons, bound from New York for Rotterdam, has been sunk with a loss of five members of her crew.

CHURCHILL GOES TO THE FRONT

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Winston Spencer Churchill, in uniform of his regiment, left for the front this morning; his wife bade him farewell at the railway station, where he passed unrecognized on the platform as he was led to enter a special car.

"TUSCANIA" REFLOATED

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The Anchor line steamer Tuscania which left Glasgow on November 16th for New York and ran ashore was refloated today, and is returning to Glasgow for inspection.

Hens can't lay square eggs

There are 111 distinct species of snakes in the United States.

FINANCE BILL IS AMENDED

LONDON, Nov. 18.—In the Commons today on the motion of the Right Hon. Edwin Samuel Montague, member for Cambridgeshire, a new clause was added to the Finance Bill empowering the Treasury to free from income tax all foreign holders of future loans issued, whether here or abroad.

Many Wounded Lost When the Anglia Sunk

DOVER, Nov. 18.—The hospital ship Anglia, with about three hundred wounded men with nurses in attendance, in addition to her regular crew, bound from France to Dover, struck a mine in mid-Channel today, and sank in a very short time. Nearly one hundred men, most of them seriously wounded and therefore in their coats, lost their lives.

AUSTRO AEROPLANE BUSY

Belluno, Italy, Nov. 16.—An Austrian aeroplane threw 5 bombs on the city this morning, only one of them exploded; 3 persons were slightly wounded. No material damage was done.

SERBS FORCED TO RETIRE

Athens, Nov. 16.—Five thousand Serbs who have been defending Thacouna Pass against 20,000 Bulgarians have been forced to abandon their positions and are retreating on Prilop, according to advices received here from Saloniki.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

NOVEMBER 18.

The members of the Navy Club dined this day at the Gorgon Hall on the Beach, 1820.

The last convict landed at Sydney, N.S.W., 1840.

John H. Warren returned member for Bonavista; majority of 87 over.

Big fire in Carbonear; 8 houses burnt, 1873.

Admiral Sir Henry Prescott, ex-Governor of Newfoundland, died, aged 92, 1874.

John Hutchings, of Harbor Grace, killed by a fall in the rooms of the Literary Institute of that town, 1880.

Capt. Charles Pike, Cochrane street, died, 1881.

John P. Kent, B.L., died, 1895.

William English, baker, died, 1896.

Cod oil sold this day by Mr. McLea to R. Prowse & Cons for the unprecedented price of \$232 per ton, 1863.

Three men named, respectively, Patrick Barron, St. John's; John Roach, Torbay, and Matthew Mercer, Topsail, killed in railway accident at Indian Pond. Injured men were Jno. Ryan, W. Ryan, J. Molloy and J. Whelan, 1882.

John Meehan, wine and spirit merchant, opened business near the railway station, 1898.

Allies War Council May Force Greece

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The Allied War Council as the outcome of the present situation, which from the Entente Allies viewpoint is disquieting, may weigh heavily with the Greek Government in deciding on Greece's final policy.

A quartette of British statesmen from the War Council as recently appointed by Asquith with Sir Edward Grey taking the place of A. Bonar Law, Secretary for Colonies, McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, fifth member of the War Council, will be in the Commons during Asquith's absence.

Bulgarians Recapture Tetovo

Saloniki, Nov. 16.—A correspondent confirms re-occupation of Tetovo by the Bulgarians. This victory is regarded as of much importance because it may result in cutting off lateral communications of Serbian front.

APPEALS TO AMERICAN CHARITY

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Times referring to Sir Edward Grey's endorsement of the appeal for Serbian refugees, and stating that the Allied Government are taking all possible measures and are ready to offer their facilities to relieve the situation, expresses the hope that all charitable agencies in the United States will lend their aid to the work.

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