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GERMANS ARE ASKING TURKS TO SEND TROOPS

Islam and Kultur Side by Side to Advance on Saloniki.

BULGARIANS NOT ALLOWED IN GREECE

Invasion of Hellenic Territory Will Commence Next Thursday.

Emperor William, Reported at Adrianople, is Really in Brussels.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 20—A despatch to The Daily Mail from Saloniki says: "The Germans have asked the Turks to assist them to drive the Entente allies out of Saloniki, but they require assurances that they will evacuate Greek territory as soon as the allied army is crushed and thrown into the sea. It is understood that Turkey has accepted the proposal."

ATTACK INEVITABLE.

Saloniki, Dec. 19, via Paris, Dec. 20—The highest Greek military authorities declare it to be their belief that an Austro-German attack on Saloniki is inevitable. The Greek general staff will quit Saloniki to-morrow. The last remaining Greek troops, save one infantry regiment, have been transferred to Kozani. The Entente allies have ordered the evacuation of several villages around Saloniki by the civilians for military reasons.

The parliamentary elections to-day passed off quietly. A mere handful of voters were out, making the extraordinary precautions against demonstrations appear needless. The polls were established mostly in churches and soldiers with fixed bayonets were on guard. The newspapers supporting M. Venizelos, the former premier, whose adherents abstained from taking part in the elections, comment bitterly on the triumph of the government.

READY NEXT THURSDAY.

Paris, Dec. 20—"It is stated that the German answer to the Greek protest upon the question of the entry of Bulgarians into Greek territory was handed in at noon Saturday," says the Athens correspondent of The Figaro. "Germany it is understood declares that notwithstanding the military necessity which required the pursuit of the retreating Entente allies the Imperial government, taking note of the popular Greek, sentiment, had ordered the immediate halt of the Bulgarians.

"The concentration of Austro-Hungarians forces for an invasion is said to be under way. When this concentration has been completed a definite decision will be taken. Thus the question has not been settled by the reply, but in official circles optimism reigns. The Austro-German forces are estimated at about 120,000 with much heavy artillery. It is said that they will be entirely ready next Thursday."

MUST PROMISE TO WITHDRAW

Paris, Dec. 20—The Saloniki correspondent of the Petit Parisien in a despatch concerning hostilities in the Serbian theatre of war says—

"The Germans have begun again to concentrate forces, apparently with the object of fresh operations. The Bulgarian army is seriously weakened and will be replaced in these operations by Turkish forces. Turkey has been instructed and has agreed in principle to give an undertaking to Greece to evacuate Greek soil as soon as the Entente allies are defeated, but it remains to be seen whether Greece will permit the Turks to enter her territory after refusing to have the Bulgarians."

READY FOR THEM.

Paris, Dec. 20—The Athens' correspondent of The Matin says he learns from a reliable source that a complete agreement has been reached by the Greek and Entente army staff as to the applications of the measures requested by the latter for the security of the entente troops and the freedom of their movements.

ELECTION RETURNS.

London, Dec. 20—Returns from the parliamentary election held in Greece on Sunday give the party of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, a great

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THE DARING HUN FLEET

Berlin Tells How It Swept North Sea Looking for the Enemy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Via London, Dec. 20.—The official statement issued by the German admiralty says:

"A portion of our fleet last week searched the North Sea for the enemy. It then cruised the 17th and 18th in the Skagerackto watch commerce, examining 52 vessels and seizing one carrying contraband. During the whole time the English naval forces no where were sighted."

FIFTEEN MEN SIGNED FOR 125th YESTERDAY

Lieut.-Col. Stewart and Col. W. F. Cockshutt Made Inspiring Appeals for Young Men to Join Ranks.

The most successful recruiting meeting yet held in Brantford was that given last evening in the Brant Theatre. After listening attentively to the persuasive appeals of Colonel Stewart and Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., fifteen recruits marched proudly on to the stage and were signed up. They were certainly applauded by the audience for their brave decision. The speakers, too, received much encouragement.

Capt. H. McLean sang, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," in his usual splendid manner, between the speeches.

REV. L. BROWN.

The chairman after opening the meeting with a prayer gave a few fitting remarks. He stated that he had felt diffident about taking the chair for the gathering because the chairman should wear a uniform. He was, howeved, ready to give his life for his country when he was needed. He then introduced the first speaker of the evening.

LT.-COL. W. T. STEWART

The Colonel stated that he made his address as one of 250,000 Canadian soldiers who had offered themselves for their King and Country

We Britons must fight honorably and we must not fight our enemy by such low methods and ways as they are using in their warfare.

The Canadian soldiers in the trenches now and those in training to go have received no command from their King and country to enlist. They are purely volunteers, who place their country's interest before all, else. That is the grand old British spirit which has been the cause of the Empire's greatness. Canada is not alone in doing its duty to the Motherland, however, for India, Australia and other colonies have sent their best men.

We are fighting a truly ruthless enemy, one that cares nothing for honor, conventions or anything else. When the war first started the civilized nations thought that the war would be a clean one. They never thought that a nation like Germany could commit such crimes as it has done.

UTTER DISREGARD.

Those sacred Hague conventions which the powers of Europe solemnly signed and sealed have been utterly ignored by Germany and called "scraps of paper." These say that it is forbidden to kill an enemy who has been wounded and rendered non-combatant. But there are numberless cases where the enemy has violated this rule. They also have bombarded defenceless English cities from the sea. Then, too, they have deliberately pillaged and plundered Belgian and French towns. There is also a convention against the taking of hostages, and particular ill-usage of white flag of truce. The speaker quoted several instances of this from the booklet called, "Notes from the Front"

RED CROSS VIOLATED.

Even the Red Cross, the most sacred thing on the field of battle, has been fired on by the enemy. Suffocating and poisoning gases, prohibited by another treaty, have been used by the enemy. Everyone knows what kind of an enemy we have to fight. They are using all kinds of means, fair and foul, to further their ends. Are you able-bodied men going to allow these atrocities which have been reported through the press?

YOUR DUTY.

It is the duty of the women to send their men to stop these things. What if Germany wins. Let all the men of military age think seriously of this. You must not wait for the call; you must act now. Think what would happen to the world if such a thing happened. We would all be under the iron heel of the Emperor of Germany, and we would have no liberty—no freedom. The speaker stated that he had a wife and children, but he is ready and proud to lead his men to the front to help stop these ravages. Whether you are single or married, you should go to Col. Cutcliffe of the 125th and say, "I'm not going to stand for these horrors."

You women, think of your children with their hands lopped off, of your sons made unconscious by the German gas, if the Germans came over here victorious. Think of what would happen to yourselves. Let your son or husband go, for he is going out to protect you. Won't you be ashamed when the war is over, you men who didn't take any part, when your son asks what you did in the great war? When the brave volunteers come back, you will be left in a class by yourselves, and you will never be able to hold your head up again.

It is the most vital matter that has ever confronted the British Empire, and are you going to sneak out of doing your part.

Do not wait, but get into the training. It is a fine life and will make a man of you. It will be an experience which you will never regret the rest of your life. The pride of Empire will bubble up in you when you don the khaki. You will be offering yourself in the greatest event in the history of your country. Help defend the old flag and not let it be dragged in the dust.

We want you men, and we have got to have you! When the 84th was organized in Toronto he chose for the motto of the Battalion "Rex Vocat" (the King calls.) He will never forget the fine reception when the battalion marched into the city, given by hundreds of fine men. He thought what a fine battalion could be raised here, so join now and you will be defending your loved ones, home and king.

At this juncture, Col. Cutcliffe introduced Corporal Nurse, one of the Princess Pats, who became wounded at the front. After three cheers and a Tiger for him, the corporal made his speech.

CORPORAL NURSE.

An interesting coincidence in connection with to-night was that exactly one year ago, the Princess Pats landed in France and headed their course towards Belgium. The Canadians have done a noble part in the war. They saved, in one case, 8,000 British soldiers at the battle of Langemarck. Every Canadian not in Khaki is under a debt, so get into a uniform and banish this debt. Every man in the trenches now is doing double duty because you are not there to do your part. Are you going to defend your home? It takes more nerve to speak at a public meeting such as this, than it does to face the enemy. Be the rest of the brave Canadians and do your duty.

HON. COL. W. F. COCKSHUTT

Mr. Cockshutt, as Honorary Colonel of the 125th Brant Battalion, appeared in uniform for the first time. His audience listened to him very earnestly, far more so, because of the khaki. These meetings, he explained, are not for public entertainment, but are held for a purpose—to get men. It is a man's job to be a soldier, but you can all hold one. You must feel that it is worth the trouble. Col. Stewart has spoken as a soldier about the fine life, and it is up to every man to rally around Col. Cutcliffe and boom up the 125th Brant Battalion. The County of Brant has a reputation as a fight-

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Col. Howard Now on His Way Home

Returning in Charge of Convalescents—Reaches Here Next Week.

LIEUT. H. WALSH AT THE FRONT

A cablegram from London says:—London, Dec. 19.—C. P. R. liner Metagama, which sailed on Friday, carried 125 non-commissioned officers and men who have been discharged as medically unfit for further service. The party also includes the following officers on leave or on special duty: Lieut.-Col Howard, 14th reserve battalion, of Shorncliffe, in charge; Major R. Wilson, medical officer in charge; Major Alexander, Captains McNally, 7th battalion; B. C. Kirkconnel, 14th battalion, Montreal; F. W. Pickles, 1st divisional ammunition column; Lieutenants Stuart B. Woolcombe, 12th battalion; H. A. Webb, headquarters staff, 6th infantry brigade; W. J. Cheverie; Nurses Eva Hambley, Rose Grattan and Cummings.

Mrs Howard has received word from the Colonel that he erpects to arrive on December 28th.

IN FRANCE.

It is announced that Lieut. Harris Walsh, formerly news editor of the Courier, is in France with a party of other Canadian officers learning trench warfare.

SHIFTING OF TROOPS AT DARDANELLES

May Mean Abandonment of Campaign—German Drive on West Front Stopped by Artillery

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The following official statement was issued here to-day:

"All the troops at Suvla and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant casualties, to another sphere of operation."

London, Dec. 20.—Withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac Cove and Suvla Bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out here this afternoon. Beyond the statement that the movement was affected successfully with small losses, few details are given, and no allusion is made to the allied forces on the Seddul Bahr front, at the tip of the peninsula.

WESTERN DRIVE.

Some indication of the long expected offensive by the Germans in Flanders, where the massing of Teutonic troops is said to have been in progress for several weeks is contained in official British and French reports, which state that under a cloud of gas, the Germans attacked British trenches northeast of Ypres. According to these reports, the Germans failed so completely that few of them emerged from their own trenches, and those who did so, were mowed down by artillery fire.

The attack was delivered in the early morning. Later in the day the Germans displayed unusual activity, directing a heavy bombardment on the British lines near Ypres and on French positions at Messines. Mines were exploded before the trenches at Armentieres and German infantry attempted unsuccessfully to occupy the craters thus opened.

Along the remainder of the western front the interminable artillery duels continue, with the French guns near St. Mihiel developing an intense fire. The Russian and Macedonian fronts, so far as the public is advised, are in a state of comparative quiescence.

GREECE UNCERTAIN

The position of Greece is still regarded with keen anxiety by both sides. The Gounaris party is reported victorious in the elections, but the expected change in leaders is not accepted as implying a different military policy. England is impatiently awaiting the crossing of the Greek frontier to see whether Greece will leave the Saloniki area free for a struggle, of which the Greeks would become passive spectators.

BULGARS WORRIED.

In Bulgaria the next step is the subject of warm debate. The official paper of Premier Radoslavoff, declares the allies must be driven from Saloniki; whether by Bulgarians or Austro-German troops, is a question for the military leaders to solve. The allies in Macedonia do not expect an early attack if the advance is left to the Austrians and Germans, as airmen report that the Central powers have not yet gathered a sufficient force to undertake the offensive.

Preparations in West For Invasion of England

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Dec. 20.—A cable from London this morning to The Herald says:

Taking into consideration the extremely heavy rains in France and Flanders, which have brought all the rivers to a state of flood and have turned the plains into marshes, and the extensive movements of German troops in Belgium, yesterday's Observer decided an attempt to invade England is more than a possibility. The newspaper believes the effort might be made as a desperate German gamble. Embarkation, it says, might be undertaken at Zeebrugge, or along the Scheldt.

Officers returning from the front express the belief that fighting there on a big scale is impossible because the country is even muddier and altogether is in worse condition than last year.

CASUALTIES LIGHT.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The total British casualties resulting from the Saloniki expedition into Serbia was only 1,278. These figures were given in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War. Mr. Tennant said that of the total only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

WELLAND CANAL CONSPIRACY IS INVESTIGATED

Two of Accused on Bail, But Third is Held in Custody.

HE MAY TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE

More Arrests to Follow Examination of Seized Books.

Three Witnesses Arrive From Niagara Falls to Testify.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Dec. 20.—The department of justice through William M. Offley, head of the bureau of investigation here, continued to-day its search for evidence regarding the activities of Paul Koenig, Richard E. Leyendecker and Frederick Metzler in the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Welland Canal. Koenig and Leyendecker are at liberty on bail, but Metzler is in the custody of federal officials and has not been arraigned.

It is understood that the purpose of delaying Mtezler's arraignment is to prevent his whereabouts becoming known to the other alleged conspirators in the hope that Metzler will disclose to the government agents the details of the conspiracy. It was aid to-day that possibly Metzler would become a witness for the government.

It is reported that the examination of books and documents seized by the government agents in the office ' of Koenig and Leyendecker will result in a large number of additional arrests.

Three witnesses in the Welland Canal investigation arrived here from Niagara Falls to-day. They are Daniel W. Schwartz, a hotelman; John Schwartz, master mechanic of the power plant at Niagara Falls, and Mrs. Lisette Fu[illegible] mother of George Fuchs, one of the local men detained by federal agents as a witness.

While the department of justice agents are investigating the Welland plot, it is understood that the federal grand jury will resume this week its inquiry into the activities of labor's national peace council, accused by the United States district attorney here of fomenting strikes in war munition plants. This organization is alleged to have been financed by Franz Von Rintelen, acting through David Lamar.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who has been credited with opposing the activities of the council, is expected to testify before the grand jury.

THOS. STONE IS QUARTER-MASTER SERGEANT NOW

Brantford Boy Has Received Promotion Rapidly While Abroad.

Pte. Thomas Stone, whose home is at 5 Mary St., this city, is a private no longer.

In a letter from him last week he conveys the information that he has received a second promotion in two months and is now Quartermaster Sergeant. Pte. Stone left Brantford in June last with Col. Ashton's Battalion, the 36th, and the news of his rapid promotion will give pleasure to his many friends and relatives here.

Sergeant Stone's mother and father reside in the East Ward.

ONE MORE NOTE SENT

Secretary Lansing Announces That Vienna Will Receive It To-morrow.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of State Lansing announced to-day that the second American note to Austria on the sinking of the Steamship Ancona had gone forward yesterday and should reach Vienna to-morrow night.

While Mr. Lansing gave no intimation of its contents, the note is understood to be a reiteration of the original American demands, with the implication that it is the United States last word on the subject.

The text of the note will be issued for publication in newspapers Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Lansing said.

THE TRAGIC FLIGHT OF THE SERBIANS BEFORE THE ADVANCE OF THE ENEMY

© BY THE N.Y. HERALD — SERBIAN VILLAGERS MOVING BEFORE THE INVADING GERMANS AND BULGARIANS — DRAWN BY F. MATANIA FOR THE SPHERE, LONDON

In this picture, drawn especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, Mr. Matania depicts the tragic flight of the Serbians before the advance of the Austro-Germans and the Bulgarians. According to a correspondent, the retreating Serbians left nothing but a desert behind them. The population—the whole nation, it may be said—retired before the soldiers, forming immense processions of ox-drawn carts, filled with women and children, while herds of cattle followed, preceding the army. The retreat was a fantastic, tragic picture, which took place in wonderful calm and silence.