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## 120,000 Serbian Refugees Now In Albania

**Germans Intention is to Strike Hard Before Allies Preparations Are Completed—French, Bulgarian and German Claim Success in Recent Fighting—Situation in Greece Still Causes Anxiety—Austrians Still Continue Their Offensive Against Montenegrins**

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The preliminary stages, so far as is known, of a great battle in Southern Serbia, is taking place, the artillery alone of the different armies being active along the Vardar-Cerna-Karasu front in Serbia. The Bulgarians have already commenced their attack against the Anglo-French forces and it is reported that the army of General Gallwitz has been reorganized and is marching south to take part in the operations. Evidently the intention of the Germans is to strike hard before the Allies, who continue to land troops at Salonika, have completed their preparations.

It is reported the Germans have forty thousand men available, but there is no indication of either the Bulgarian or Anglo-French strength; one report says five Allied divisions, of nearly one hundred thousand men, have been landed, thus the battle, therefore will be one of the greatest importance. According to French reports, all Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed, but the Germans claim the French were compelled to give up their positions at the junction of the Vardar and Cerna Rivers to avoid being enveloped. The situation for the Allies is complicated by the attitude of the Greek Government. Negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a satisfactory

conclusion, although the Greek king has reaffirmed his neutrality and repeated his assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies, this situation still causes great anxiety.

The Austrians continue their offensive against the Montenegrins and Serbs and are following the Serbs into Albania, where retreat is rendered extremely difficult owing to the cold weather and bad roads. There are said to be one hundred thousand Serb troops and twenty thousand refugees in Albania, and it is reported the Serbs are taking with them forty thousand prisoners who were captured during previous campaigns.

### French Submarine Sunk by Enemy

PARIS, Dec. 7.—According to a German radiogram, the French submarine *Fresnel* was destroyed on Dec. 5th by an Austrian warship, says a communication issued to-day by the Ministry of Marine. Two officers and 26 men were captured. The *Fresnel* was built in 1909. She was 167 ft. long, 392 tons displacement, and above water she had six torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was 24 men.

### KOREA RAMMED SOPHIA

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The steamer *Korea* and *Sophia* have been in collision off Deal. The *Sophia* was badly damaged as the result of being rammed by the *Korea* while she was anchored.

## 64TH CON. OPENED YESTERDAY WILSON ADDRESSES BOTH HOUSES

Thirteen Appropriation Bills Outlined—Ship Purchase Bill—Clothing For Senate—New War Tax Bill—Amendments to Underwood Tariff Act and a Programme For National Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Wilson in his annual address to Congress to-day, dealing mainly with national defence, proclaimed that additional "Americanism was growing from the guardianship of the Monroe Doctrine to 'Full and honorable association' of all the Americas. Although in the longest address he has yet delivered to Congress, the President touched upon a variety of subjects, the predominating note was the necessity of the policy of military preparedness to meet the readjustments of the next generation as they will affect the American continent. He emphasized his point by saying "Unless you take it within your view and permit full significance of it to command your thought, I cannot find the right light, in which to set forth the particular matter that lies at the very front of my whole thoughts as I address you to-day. I mean national defence."

The point was not overshadowed when the President in the most unmeasured terms he ever has employed before Congress denounced naturalized Americans, who by their sympathies for European belligerents, have endangered American neutrality.

While Congress cheered him loudly he referred to them as having "poured poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life," and as those who would turn in malign reaction against the government and people who had welcomed and nurtured them.

With evidences of deep feeling the President expressed even deeper humiliation and scorn which every self-possessed and thoughtful patriotic American must feel when he thinks of them and of the discredit they are daily bringing upon us.

While the President's outline of administration plan for the army and navy passed without a ripple of applause, his references to pan-Americanism were only punctuated with evidences of approval. Republicans and Democrats alike joined in an emphatic demonstration at his words of condemnation for those he assailed so unreservedly.

## MAY MEAN BIG BATTLE VERY SOON

**German Troops Reported Pouring Into France and Belgium For Past Week—Nature of Move Not Certain**

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Rotterdam says that newspapers from South and West Germany, which have been stopped for a fortnight, came to hand today which may mean that the concentration of German troops on the Western front, for an expected big battle, have been completed.

Undoubtedly troops have been poured into France and Belgium for a week back, though it cannot be learned precisely whether as a precaution against an Entente Allied offensive or whether Germany will take the initiative.

### AMERICAN OIL TANKER "PETROLITE" FIRED ON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Word from the United States cruiser *Des Moines* was received today at the Navy Department, to the effect that the American boat sending the S.O.S. call out last Saturday, off Crete, was the Standard Oil tanker *Petrolite*, which was fired on, presumably by an Austrian submarine. One man was wounded.

Advises say that the *Petrolite*, an American vessel, sailed from New York on Nov. 7th for Alexandria, Egypt. She passed Gibraltar on Nov. 21st.

### GREEK GOV'T PLAYS FOR TIME PUBLIC AGITATED AND ANXIOUS

Athens correspondent to the *Matin* says Only Effective Course is to Apply Blockade—Greek Government Not Likely to Grant Allies Demands—Constantine's Policy Said to be Growing Unpopular With Masses

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The Athens correspondent of the *Matin*, in a despatch relative to the attitude of Greece towards the Entente Powers, says that the Government is simply playing for time, hoping that the Entente Allies will be forced to the sea by the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians.

It will be found in a week or so that an agreement between the Greek and Allied staffs cannot be reached, and that the Government will declare that, notwithstanding Greece's traditional goodwill towards the Entente Powers, it cannot accede to their demands.

The correspondent affirms that the only effective course is to apply a blockade to Greece, and adds that it will prove all the more fruitful in results, since popular discontent with the royal policy is growing perceptibly. If elections had been held three weeks ago, the Venizelos party would have been beaten, but now, notwithstanding the extraordinary conditions under which this will be held, he is likely to get a majority.

### VERY SPECIAL

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 8.—After 15 years in the Penitentiary for complicity in the Welland Canal dynamite outrage in 1900, John Nolan was released today and taken to Montreal to be deported to the United States.

Of his associates, Walsh died in prison and Dillon (Carl Dullman), chief instigator, was released about a year ago.

### GOOD WORK IN QUICK TIME

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Minister of Munitions, David Lloyd George, announces there are now 2026 government controlled munitions establishments.

## OFFICIAL

BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland: LONDON, Dec. 7.—A British submarine sank the Turkish destroyer *Yar Hissar* in the Sea of Marmora, on the 3rd Dec., rescuing two officers and forty men. On the 4th she sank a supply steamer and destroyed four sailing vessels carrying supplies.

Gen. French reports air raid. Don station and munitions store are believed to have been blown up. Enemy trenches have been bombarded with good results.

Nothing special in Russia or Italy.

BONAR LAW.

## FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The communication this afternoon from the War Office follows:—

"No important developments last night with the exception of rather spirited cannonading in the Champagne, and a local engagement near one of the advanced posts to the south of Saint Souple.

## GONE TO BOTTOM

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Malta says that the steamer *Umata* is reported to have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The despatch adds that 49 survivors of the disaster were landed, but that five officers of the vessel and 47 lascars are missing. The *Umata* was a steamer of 3,325 tons net. The last report of her was when she passed Perlm on Nov. 8th, bound north.

## READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

## MORE TROUBLE

CAIRO, Dec. 7.—A severe earthquake shock, lasting 10 to 15 seconds, was felt here today. No damage.

## Captured on the High Seas.

BUENOS AIRES, December 8.—Word has been received here that a British cruiser has captured the steamer "Minnevaog." It is also reported here that a British cruiser has captured on the high seas, on board the steamer "Vouban," a German officer who is alleged was involved in certain affairs in the United States, from which country he made his escape.

## Baron Armistend Dead.

LONDON, December 8.—Baron Armistend, who was one of Gladstone's closest friends, is dead. He leaves no family; the Barony thus becomes extinct. It is understood Viscount Gladstone is designated as heir to his large fortune. George Armistend was created the first Baron of Armistend in 1906. He was born in 1824, and for several terms represented Dundee in Parliament.

## "For Good or For All."

LONDON, December 8.—Fearing for the success of Derby's voluntary enlistment scheme, the Liberal newspapers are advocating the extension of the time limit for the scheme until the end of December, instead of the 11th of December as had already been fixed. Earl Derby, however, announced that there will be no extension of time, that "for good or for all" he will on Saturday present to the Government his report as a basis for future action.

## Big Offensive in Dardanelles.

COLOGNE, December 8.—The Cologne Gazette's Constantinople correspondent says the Entente Allies have begun a grave offensive at the Dardanelles, perhaps as a consequence of Earl Kitchener's visit; but Turkish authorities are inclined to believe that it is a bluff only. Thirty Entente Allied aeroplanes on Saturday attacked Usun Kueprue, an important military railway centre on the line from Constantinople to Adrianople. They threw many bombs, but traffic on the line was maintained.

## BULGAR INFANTRY MUTINY?

Unconfirmed Report Says Bulgar Regiment Order to Gallipoli Mutiny—300 of Mutineers Are Shot

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An unconfirmed report of the mutiny of a Bulgarian infantry regiment, received in Amsterdam from Frankfurt, was forwarded today by the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company.

This report is to the effect that the regiment was ordered to proceed to Gallipoli Peninsula to fight with the Turks, and that, when it refused to obey, the commander and 300 of the mutineers were shot.

## Will Blockade German Intrigue In China

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, intimated in the Commons today that the British Government was earnestly considering the blocking of German intrigue in China generally and in British Colonies in the Far East and in foreign concessions in China.

Replying to the question whether, having assisted in turning the Germans out of the larger positions in Tsing Tau, the government could not proceed to turn them out of the smaller places, Sir Edward said the question was one that could not be easily disposed of, but that the danger of German machinations is being anxiously considered.

## FOR CONSTANTINE TO PONDER OVER

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An Athens despatch Exchange Telegraph Company says: "That according to Greek papers, Col. Napier, late British attaché at Sofia, has been taken off a Greek steamer by a German submarine, near Messina."

## Greek Premier Follows Example King Constantine

Skouloudis Says the Allies Are Beginning to Understand Greece's Position—Says Had Greece Joined the Allies Last Spring the Country Would Today be Bearing the Cost of the Gallipoli Failure—Sends Message to America and Says Greece Must Guard Her Sovereignty and Not Abandon Her Neutrality

ATHENS, Dec. 8.—An agreement for a conference between the Greek military authorities and the military representatives of the Entente Powers to examine and report upon the necessities of the situation respecting the Allied demands upon Greece has been reached. The preliminary steps toward holding the conference has been taken.

Premier Skouloudis announced today: "Tell the American people that the Government of Greece has only two aims, to safeguard sovereignty Greece and not to abandon neutrality no matter what inducements or pressures are brought to bear."

Premier Skouloudis said today in an interview to the Associated Press correspondent: "I think I may say that the air has been surcharged for months with misunderstandings. It has been saved of these two disasters, and we should continue to follow them, for in them is our only salvation."

## MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT MADE PRISONER OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A British official report received here to-night says that Capt. Arthur Stanley Wilson, member of parliament for York-shire has been made a prisoner of war.

He was conveying letters from the Eastern Mediterranean to London, travelling by a Greek steamer, which was stopped by an Austrian submarine.

It has been ascertained, reports say, that none of the papers taken from him were of any importance.

## ITALIAN REPORT OF ALLIED FORCES RETREAT IN SERBIA

German Occupation of Monastir Has Made Itself Felt—Entente Forces Have Withdrawn to Strong Positions in Mountain Pass 20 Miles North Greek Frontier

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The London Times says today there should be no surprise if the Italian reports of the retreat of the Entente Allied forces in Serbia from Krivolak and the fortified camp at Kavadar, prove correct.

The newspaper says the German occupation of Monastir has evidently made itself felt on the Vardar and that the Allies have withdrawn to the strong positions in the Dumarkapou Pass, where there is a great gorge in the hills through which runs the Salonika-Uskub railway, 20 miles north of the Greek frontier. Only a narrow pathway was offered the Entente forces with the precarious line of communications. With the Teutonic Allies overrunning the country, the need of the retirement of the Entente Allies was obvious.

The Athens correspondent of the Daily News in a despatch dated Dec. 6, states that the local wireless station has received appeals for help from an American ship torpedoed by a submarine. The Greek Government despatched a torpedo boat, but by the time she arrived, only some wreckage was found.

On Dec. 4 an Athens despatch announced that a wireless call for aid had been received that morning from an unnamed American ship. The message stated that the vessel was being attacked by a submarine south of the island of Crete. All subsequent efforts to communicate with the vessel were fruitless.

Respecting the railroads the Greek Government never has been unaware that its personnel were inadequate for the handling of immense increase in traffic due to military uses which railroads are now put; but M. Bouralli was unwilling to surrender the control of our property, as General Sarrail offers to assist in the operation of railroads the control unquestioned. The Greek Government is only to glad to accept. What about hunting down the Austro-German subs in Greek territory waters, asked the interviewer? That touches our sovereignty replied the Premier. We protest to the world, especially to America, also neutral, that we cannot sanction a violation of our territory, but what can we do? We have only a small navy and vast coastline; we can only protect what we want to avoid. What we shall avoid is associating Greece with uncertain outcome of the war. Had we joined the Allies last spring when we were urged to do so, to-day we would have to bear the bulk of the cost of the failure of Gallipoli venture.

Had we joined at the inception of the recent Austro-German-Bulgarian attack on Serbia we would now be bearing a large part of the price in blood and devastation. Following the crushing of Serbians we stand by as governing Greece's foreign policy, we have been saved of these two disasters, and we should continue to follow them, for in them is our only salvation.

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## Distinguished Gathering At Paris

PARIS, Dec. 7.—A notable company of military authorities and diplomats lunched with Premier Briand to-day. The Premier guests were:

General Joffre, Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief; Field Marshal French, Commander of the British forces in France and Belgium; Genl. Giliinsky, Aide-de-Camp to Emperor Nicholas of Russia; Genl. Porro, Under Chief of the Italian Genl. Staff; Jules Cambon, General Secy. of the French Minister of Foreign Affairs; the British, Italian and Russian Ambassadors and Ministers of Belgium and Serbia

## BERLIN CLAIMS FRENCH RETREAT IN S.W. AFRICA

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—The War Office announced today that the French forces in South-western Serbia, near the Vardar River, have been compelled to retreat.

The capture of Impet, in Montenegro, is also announced.

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ROME, Dec. 8.—The steamer communication was recently held by the Italian Government at Genoa, but was allowed to sail for her destination on Dec. 2 owing to the representations to the Italian Government by the American Embassy at Rome.

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