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WINSTON CHURCHILL SIGNS FROM CABINET

Italian Army Will Join Allies' Troops in Balkans

ITALY SENDING BIG FORCES TO ASSIST ALLIES

Greece and Roumania Apparently Impressed by Word From Rome. FURTHER THREAT MADE Bulgaria and Turkey Protest—Serbs Not Yet Cut Off.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—The continued landing of British and French troops at Saloniki is causing some uneasiness to Bulgaria and Turkey, and the ministers of those two powers today again protested to the Greek Government, which took formal notice of their protest.

The determination of the entente allies in their Balkan campaign is shown by the large force they are sending to the Balkans, and news was received from Rome today that Italy also had decided to intervene in this region "in a manner worthy of her greatness" and to give sufficient support to the British and French to assure a complete triumph.

Big Battles in South. Meanwhile the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians are advancing slowly in their efforts to cut off or annihilate the Serbian army. These efforts, however, are growing more difficult as the Serbians now have occupied, according to official reports, defensive positions to the south and east of Krajevo, and east of Ivanitzka, and also east of the left bank of the Morava river southward, where there was desperate fighting throughout the day of the 10th.

At the lord mayor's banquet Nov. 9, 1914, Premier Asquith, in outlining the war situation, said: "We shall not sheath the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium has recovered more than she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against menace; until the rights of the smaller nations have been placed upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is finally destroyed."

Greek-Bulgarian Secret Pact is Suspected

BRITISH COLUMBIANS REVIEWED AT OTTAWA

Forty-Seventh Battalion's Appearance Impressed the Duke of Connaught. By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—The 47th Battalion of British Columbia, another fine regiment for overseas service, arrived here this afternoon, and was reviewed on Parliament Hill by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by General Sir Sam Hughes, Sir Robert Borden, and some of the other cabinet ministers.

ASQUITH PLEDGE IS REAFFIRMED

Sir Edward Grey Declares Determination to Crush Foe is Unaltered. GOVERNMENT UNITED Nation Backs Ministry in Resolution to Ensure Europe's Liberty.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Reaffirmation of Premier Asquith's historic pledge regarding the entente allies' terms of peace, delivered at the Lord Mayor's banquet Nov. 9, 1914, was made by Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary today in a written answer to a question put by Sir Arthur Markham, Liberal member of parliament for the Mansfield division of Nottinghamshire.

COL. H. M. ELLIOTT IS TO HANDLE ORDNANCE

He Will Succeed Gen. Benson, Who is Shifted to Halifax. By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—Col. H. M. Elliott, who is in command of Sewell camp in Manitoba all summer, will arrive here shortly to take over the duties of master general of ordnance in succession to General Benson, who has been appointed officer commanding the sixth division, with headquarters at Halifax. Col. Rutherford, the officer commanding that division, is retiring. Col. Elliott belonged to the Royal Field Artillery before coming to Canada seven years ago, and he lived in Ottawa for several years.

OFFER OF CASGRAIN ACCEPTED BY HUGHES

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Nov. 12.—General Sir Sam Hughes said he gladly accepted the offer of the Hon. W. A. Casgrain, postmaster-general, to do any useful service that he might be capable of in connection with the war. There were some very helpful things that the postmaster-general could do, said General Hughes, and he would take them up with him.

A BARGAIN IN MEN'S HATS.

Turn to page 3, and read Dineen's announcement of today's big bargain in snappy new hats which are being closed out because the lines have been broken. Nifty shapes in soft hats, good conservative and down-to-the-minute styles in stiff hats.

CIVIC INQUIRY IS CONCLUDED BY ADDRESSES

Counsel for Hodgson, Meredith and City Reviewed the Evidence. "HE LIED OR FORGOT" George Wilkie Thus Characterized the Evidence Given by Alderman.

Argument was concluded in the Hodgson-Meredith investigation at the eighth session which was held in the city hall last night, when M. H. Loring, K.C., for the city, George Wilkie, K.C., for G. A. Hodgson, and T. Herbert Lennox, K.C., summed up the case for their respective clients. M. K. Cowan, K.C., attended for Aid. Maguire, but did not speak.

PICTURES INDECENT CLAIM THE POLICE

H. Van Eeden Neirhoff Placed Under Arrest Following Raid. AN EXTENSIVE TRADE Alleged Many Photographs of Obscene Nature Sold in Toronto.

LIVE STOCK BOARD FOR SASKATCHEWAN

Handling Marketing and Sale Are to Be Reported Upon. REGINA, Sask., Nov. 12.—Premier Scott tonight announced the personnel of the commission to inquire into the live stock and live stock products of the province. Hon. W. C. Sutherland, of Saskatchewan, chairman; Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture for the province; Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Calgary; Dr. O. D. Skelton, Queen's University, Kingston; James D. McGregor, Brandon; and W. A. Wilson, dairy commissioner for Saskatchewan. Mr. Wilson will act as secretary. The commission will report on the handling, marketing and sale of live stock and live stock products of this province.

PLAYING DOUBLE GAME.

BERLIN, via Tuckerton wireless, Nov. 12.—That Greece not only has no intention of attacking Bulgaria, but is sincerely desirous of maintaining good relations between the two countries, was the assurance conveyed by the Greek Government to the Bulgarian minister in Athens today, according to a Sofia despatch to the Koelnische Zeitung.

TURK SCHOONER TAKEN BY FRENCH "MOSQUITO"

Forty-Eight Turks and War Material Captured by Ten Men. PARIS, Nov. 12.—The following official statement was issued by the ministry of marine tonight: "A small French war vessel, having a crew of only ten, surprised off Crete a schooner carrying arms and munition, and 48 Turks, among whom were 11 officers, and captured all the men and material."

INDIAN LAD KILLED BY RUNAWAY HORSE

Animal Dashed Into Crowd, Made for Boy, and Smashed His Skull. BRANTFORD, Nov. 12.—Lawrence Johnston, Indian boy, was attacked and killed by a runaway horse at the village of Oakvein this afternoon. The horse dashed into a crowd of children and for Johnston when he tried to climb a fence, fracturing his skull.

GERMANS LOSE FIGHT FOR RIGA

Kemern and Anting, Some Miles to West, Recaptured by Russians. DVINSK ALSO SAVED Russians Will Hold Towns All Winter, War Office Believes.

TWIN CITIES OPOSE FREE WHEAT PROPOSAL

Meeting Declares Removal of Duty Would Injure Canadian Trade. FORT WILLIAM, Nov. 12.—A combined general meeting of the board of trade, the grain exchange, and citizens generally sanctioned a memorial to the federal government, declaring the proposal to "free wheat" as a complete innovation, in the opinion of the board, and expressing a desire to attend. The exact date and time of this gathering will be fixed upon by the conference executive.

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GREECE PLAYS DOUBLE GAME ITALY'S BELIEF

Suspicion Grows That Greece and Bulgaria Have Secret Understanding. ALBANIAN ISSUE LOOMS Plot to Divide Territorial Spoils is Believed to Exist.

ROME, via Paris, Nov. 12.—The Albanian question is becoming more acute hourly, the belief being expressed in diplomatic quarters that a secret agreement exists between Bulgaria and Greece concerning Serbia, Macedonia and Albania. According to this reported agreement the southern part of Albania would go to Greece and the northern part to Bulgaria, the latter country thus realizing its traditional dream of being bounded by three seas—the Black Sea, the Aegean and Adriatic.

KANSAS CITY WOMAN SHOWED FINE HORSES

Miss Long Secured Fifteen Awards at the New York Show. NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The 1915 horse show ended tonight with the jumping contest for United States army officers' horses. The absence of foreign exhibitors marred the show somewhat, but the interest of American exhibitors was as keen as formerly.

AMERICAN MINISTER POISONED BY TURKS

Rev. Francis H. Leslie of Michigan Murdered at Oorfa, Asia Minor. BOSTON, Nov. 12.—The death by poison of Rev. Francis H. Leslie of Northport, Mich., a missionary stationed at Oorfa, Asiatic Turkey, was announced today by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople, who notified the state department at Washington of the death, reported that he was making a thorough investigation to determine the responsibility.

CITY'S SHARE \$35,000.

The exhibition share of the receipts from the exhibition amounts to \$35,000, according to a report received at the city hall yesterday from the directors.

WILL GO TO FRONT AS MAJOR OF YEOMANRY

Writes Letter to Premier Asquith Refusing To Accept Position of General Responsibility for War Policy Without Any Effective Share in Its Guidance and Control—Says Time Will Vindicate Him.

LONDON, Nov. 12.—It is officially announced that Winston Spencer Churchill, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, has resigned from the cabinet, and will join the army in France. Mr. Churchill in his letter of resignation explains that he agrees in the formation of a small war council, and appreciates the intention which Premier Asquith expressed to include him among its members. He foresaw the difficulties that the premier would have to face in its composition, he states, and he makes no complaint because the scheme was changed, but with that change his work in the government naturally closed. He says he could not accept a position of general responsibility for a war policy without any effective share in its guidance and control, and did not feel able in times like these to remain in well-paid inactivity.

To Serve as Major. Rumors had been current for some time that Mr. Churchill would resign his seat in the cabinet and go out on active service at the front. He is a major in the Oxford Yeomanry. Mr. Churchill was serving as first lord of the admiralty when the war began, and filled that office until the formation of the coalition cabinet last May. He took the position of chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the new cabinet, Arthur J. Balfour being made first lord of the admiralty.

Gave Benefit of Knowledge. The following letters have passed between Premier Asquith and Mr. Churchill: "When I left the admiralty five months ago, I accepted an office of few duties at your request to take part in the work of the war council, and assist the new ministers with the knowledge of current operations, which I then possessed in a special degree. The counsels which I offered are upon record in the minutes of the committee of imperial defence, and in memoranda I circulated to the cabinet, and I draw your attention at the present time to these.

Approves New Council. "I am in cordial agreement with the decision to form a small war council. I appreciated the intention you expressed to me six weeks ago, to include me among its members. I foresaw then the personal difficulties which you would have to face in its composition. "I make no complaint that your scheme should have been changed. My work in the government comes naturally to a close. Knowing what I do about the present situation, and being an instrument in the executive power, I could not accept a position of general responsibility in a war policy without an effective share in its guidance and control. Nor do I feel able in times like these to remain in well-paid inactivity.

Time Will Vindicate. "I ask you to submit my resignation to the King. I am an officer and I place myself unreservedly at the disposal of the military authorities, observing that my regiment is at the front. "I have a clear conscience, which enables me to bear my responsibility for past events with composure. Time will vindicate my administration of the admiralty, and assign to me my due share in the vast series of preparations and operations which secured us command of the seas. "With much respect and unaltered personal friendship I bid you good-by. (Signed) "Winston Churchill."

Asquith Sincerely Grieved. Premier Asquith replied to Mr. Churchill as follows: "I had hoped you would reconsider your decision and regret to learn from your letter that you have not felt able to do so. You have rendered services both in the council and the administration which no one is better able to appreciate than myself with regard to the conduct and direction of the war, and I am sincerely grieved that you should think it your duty to leave the cabinet. "I am certain you will continue to take an active and effective part in the prosecution of the war. On personal grounds, I feel acutely the severance of our long association. (Signed) "Asquith."

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