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**300,000 Teutons For Balkans**

New German Plan is to Crush Roumania and Saloniki Force—Armies Already en Route—Troops Stationed in Belgium Being Transferred to the East—Kaiser's New Slogan, "Offensive in the Balkans, Defensive Everywhere Else"

LONDON, Sept. 16.—Three hundred thousand Teuton troops are to be despatched at once from other theatres of warfare to the Balkan front. Germany will furnish 200,000. Austria-Hungary 100,000 men. This army combined with the Germans, Bulgars and Turks now fighting in the Near East, is to accomplish the dual aim which the Central Powers and their allies regard as absolutely vital for the continuation of the war—the crushing of Roumania and the expulsion of the allies from Macedonia so as to safeguard the communications between the Teutonic empires and their Eastern allies—the Orient, railway.

This, according to a wireless despatch from Rome, based on reliable authority, is the decision reached by the general council of the Central Powers at the Kaiser's headquarters in the East.

"Offensive in the Balkans, defensive everywhere else," is the slogan created by the recent developments in the Near East as the result of Roumania's intervention. Evidences of a gradual shortening of the German western front are accumulating. Indication that Verdun will be abandoned is contained in today's Paris War Office ment that a whole division has been sent from that front to the Somme; and far behind the Picardy lines the Teutons are feverishly constructing new defence systems.

Transferring Troops. Late to-night news came from Amsterdam that large numbers of German troops stationed in Belgium are being transferred to the eastern front, presumably to relieve front-line units sent from the Russian to the Balkan theatre. All passenger service on the German railroads has been held up for two days to facilitate troop movements.

Meanwhile an extensive campaign has been initiated by the Central Powers and their allies to impress upon the populations the necessity of taking the initiative in the Balkans in disregard of any exigencies on the other fronts, and to prepare the people for possible withdrawals elsewhere.

Roumania is being made the target of the bitterest accusations and the object of contempt by statesmen in their speeches, by the war office in their official accounts, and by the newspapers in their news and editorial columns. To make plain the necessity of punishing her, she is held up to the people as embodying all the mean qualities in the satanic register.

Premier Tisza, in taking a hand in the debate of the Hungarian Parliament to-day, defended the Government's attitude with regard to Roumania. Austria-Hungary, he said knew Roumania was going to interfere.

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**Wives Remarry Thinking Their Husbands Dead**

Some Tragic Romances of the War Are Here Revealed—Many French Women Have Remarried and Their Husbands Have Turned up Although Officially Reported Dead by the War Office

PARIS, Sept. 15.—There is a notable multiplication of domestic dramas of the type familiar through Tennyson's Enoch Arden and Balzac's Colonel Chabert, who, lost on a Napoleonic battlefield, returned home to find his wife remarried to a nobleman of the restoration.

Thus, a Madame D., of Arras, was informed at the beginning of the war that her husband had been killed. Removing to Paris she waited some months, and then married her brother-in-law. The first husband is now on his way back from Germany, where he was a prisoner.

Charles le Goffic cites other cases in La Liberté. He says: "In a small commune near the Channel two soldiers' wives remarried in this way. The death of their first husbands was registered, and all the papers were in order. But these husbands reappeared one fine morning, both of them with amputated limbs."

"More curious is the tale of the Breton soldier, whose arm, cut off by a shell, was found on the battlefield, while the rest of him had disappeared. As the arm carried the identification plate its owner was reported dead. The wife received a certificate to this effect, and was permitted to remarry. The first husband, however, proves to be alive, and inclined to insist on his rights."

The most unfortunate of these tragic misadventures was found in Switzerland recently in one of the parties of seriously wounded soldiers returned from Germany. A French visitor stopped before a man whose face was so disfigured as to seem no longer human. He asked if he could do anything for the sufferer, if he could seek his family and tell them.

"Useless," was the reply. "He is dead."

The soldier had risen to the heroic, delicacy of deciding that, rather than horrify those he loved, he would leave them to believe him dead.

There is a ray of light in this case, for the surgeons hold out hope of a great improvement, and if this is accomplished their patient will give up his name and come to life again. "But perhaps," adds M. le Goffic, "it may be too late."

It is said there are 70,000 French prisoners in Germany who have not been able to communicate with their families. The French law requires ten months of widowhood before remarriage. The question is being asked whether this delay should not be extended and Henri Robert, the eminent pleader, is one of those who think that soldiers' wives should not remarry before the end of the war.

**Ten Food Tickets a Family Soon in Germany**

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—The German people are becoming more and more dissatisfied with the new government food department. The optimistic statements of Herr Von Batoeki, the new "food dictator," about the food outlook led the people to believe that by fall conditions would be greatly improved. But instead of becoming more plentiful, food supplies, are becoming more and more organized until within a short time, if the distribution of cards is continued, food will be on an absolute basis.

"Though the crops were good this year, there probably will be so much 'organization' that food will spoil," said one critical German.

At present each family is entitled to eight different kinds of food cards. They are for bread, potatoes, sugar, fats, milk, meat, eggs, and one for certain dried vegetables, saccharine and oatmeal.

Because of the growing shortage of margarine and cheese two more cards may be added to the list.

The lack of sugar, tin and rubber have prevented many families from doing their own canning and has had a big effect on the canning factories. The factories are using saccharine and a syrup made from carrots for sweetening.

Can't Can Food. Because of the shortage of tin, many factories are drying food heretofore canned. Families that forgot to save rubber bands from last year's fruit pars discovered that their fruit was doomed to spoil this year.

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**The Levant is Truly Starving**

Says American Woman After Two Years There—Locusts Destroyed Food

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(New York World)—An American woman, who recently returned from Beirut, Syria, by way of Turkey, Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary and Germany, contributes to The Times an account of her two years' experience there. She says:

"The Levant is starving. This is no figure of speech, but the literal truth. Our party crossed the whole of Europe at war, visited the four countries of the Central Powers and saw a lot we had rather forget than remember, but nothing existing in Europe can even be compared with the present conditions in Asiatic Turkey."

**The Locusts**  
She then describes the plague of locusts in 1915, which, she says, began the calamity. After the initial swarms had passed over and settled in the plains, where they laid their eggs, the Red Cross and other institutions sent out men and boys to dig up the eggs. Thousands of bags full were gathered, but all in vain. Presently the larvae appeared.

**Pillaged All.**  
"Like swarms of black ants they marched across the plain. Every growing plant was stripped, herbs, bushes and trees were left naked, robbed even of their bark. At the end of July the whole olive and grape crop had gone."

**Cannibalism!**  
"Toward spring, cases of starvation began to be known. People were found in the streets unconscious. We passed women and children lying by the roadside with closed eyes and ghastly pale faces. It was a common thing to find people searching the garbage heaps for orange peel, old bones or other refuse and eating them greedily. We even heard that in a barren district of the Lebanon range cases had been found of persons eating human flesh."

**The Tunnel Across the Channel**

The Railway Gazette, London, says: Since Queen Victoria and Napoleon III agreed that a submarine connection between England and France would be a benefit to both countries, many tides have flown over the site of the proposed channel tunnel—and many changes have taken place in subsequent tunnel construction, which no doubt will be fully considered by the present promoters of the scheme. Both the tunnel itself and the necessary drains from the centre to each shore can now be constructed so comparatively cheaply and expeditiously that some of the principal objections to the project have been greatly weakened. It is a question, indeed, whether the small amount of water that should enter the tunnel cannot be got rid of by other means than by drains. It will probably be found advisable to keep a greater depth below the bed of the channel than was originally designed; this will involve steeper gradients, but with electric traction and regenerative control this will not add to the difficulty of working the traffic. With present systems of signalling it will be possible to run many more trains than in the old steam tunnels; also it may be taken for granted that Sir John Hawkshaw's two straight inclines meeting in the centre will be adopted instead of the crooked line, advocated, in order to avoid possible water-bearing strata; at the increased depth, it is very doubtful if these would be encountered—nor with present appliances and after experience elsewhere need they be considered as of much importance compared with the advantages of the straight run. The danger of invasion would surely be overcome by some device by which the authorities, by touching a button, might flood the centre part of the tunnel up to its intrados. Provision will, of course, be made for telephone and telegraph wires, and it may be safely asserted that the time has now come for carrying out the queen and the emperor's long-deferred proposal.

"Peter Cooper, stand up."  
The raw boned "poor-white trash," holding his ragged hat in one hand and the tail of his coat in the other, walked slowly to the stand.  
"Yes, judge."  
"You are accused of profanity in a public place."  
"I guess I did it, Judge. Nigger was tryin' to steal ma boss."  
"But you should know better than to take the name of the Lord in vain, Mr. Cooper."  
"It warn't in vain, judge. You jes' ought ter have seen that nigger run!"