

CHINA IS ON THRESHOLD OF WAR

WHAT BEARING WILL HER ANSWER HAVE?---DOES JAPAN MEAN TO DOMINATE THE FAR EAST?

JAPANESE CITIZENS ARE NOW PREPARING TO LEAVE CHINA

Situation of Greatest Historical Possibilities in Modern History of China--Army Council Met the Korean Governor General--Common People are Not Aware of Critical State of Affairs in Peking.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Tokyo, May 5.--All Japan has focused its attention on the Chinese situation, which is believed to be full of historic possibilities. It is reported that the foreign office has sent telegrams to all consuls in China, instructing them to prepare their nationals for possible departure.

Japan's offer to restore Kiao-Chow has reduced to writing. GENERAL PERIL OF CHINA Peking, May 5.--The Chinese capital is remarkably quiet in the face of what the Peking Gazette calls "the gravest peril in China's modern history."

Only the educated upper classes are kept informed of the progress of negotiations with Japan. Among them the feeling is intense, but there have been no demonstrations, although reports have been received from southern cities that several men and one woman have committed suicide, declaring "they did not wish to live to see China subjected."

ONLY THREE CASUALTIES REPORTED

Pte. J. Robinson and Pte. A. Nuttycombe of the City.

Three casualties were learned of to-day, but there is a possibility that others have occurred in which case the Courier requests relatives or friends to notify them as early as possible after receiving word.

The men reported to-day are: Corporal C. Rowland, wounded. Pte. J. Robinson, 129 Cayuga St., wounded.

Pte. A. Nuttycombe, 4 Ontario St., wounded. Word was received by cable from the mother of Pte. J. Robinson in England by his wife, residing on 129 Cayuga street, that her husband was among the wounded at the recent bat-

Berlin Still Claims Victory Over Russia

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, May 5, via London.--The southern wing of the Russian army in West Galicia has broken along a front of 36 kilometres (24 miles), according to a despatch received by The Tageblatt from a special correspondent. The attack was made with such determination," says the correspondent, "that the Russians were forced to abandon not only their first lines, but also the villages back of the front, which served as quarters. Only in Gorlice did the Russians make a stand. This town was destroyed by an artillery bombardment and a vigorous street fight prevented its capture by the Germans. All the staff officers of one Russian division were killed or wounded, including several generals. The majority of prisoners wore military caps, but civilian clothing. They complained of insufficient food."

Russian position continues excellent. The Austro-Germans are trying to advance in this region, hence the fierce onslaughts on the Donajec and Lower Nida Rivers. "The enemy has successively failed in attacks in eastern Galicia, in the direction of Stry, and at Mezolaborcz, where they everywhere found the Russians too strong. Moreover, the enemy's attacks toward Stry were followed up by a Russian offensive and an advance southward. "The latest, and perhaps the most desperate, effort to stem the tide of the Russian invasion doubtless will encounter equally strong resistance."

Sunday afternoon. In any event this latest move by the enemy can have no lasting strategic significance. Its aims are evidently plunder and destruction, to the annoyance of Russia and to the edification of public opinion of Germany, rather than for any influence on the main current campaign. The Russians have had at least a partial revenge for the defeat inflicted upon them in Western Galicia by the Austrians and Germans by badly beating the Turks who had invaded Persia. The defeat took place in a three days' battle near the frontier and Petrograd reports that the Russians inflicted heavy losses on the Ottomans. If the success of the Muscovites has been followed up military observers declare that Persia should be free of her uninvited guests. This battle, however, was a small affair when compared with what Germany and Austria assert they have done to the Russians in Galicia. Their reports state that 30,000 Russians were captured and that a large number of guns were taken.

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Furious Fighting Reported

By Special Wire to the Courier. LONDON, May 5.--The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Rotterdam telegraphs: "Furious fighting is reported from the northeast of Ypres, where the Germans are making tremendous efforts to advance south from Gravenstafel, toward which the British have held a wedge, and so to straighten their line from St. Julien to Zonnebeke. "The British are clinging tenaciously to a group of villages and hamlets in this corner, although at several points they are subjected to a flanking fire from the enemy in the positions between Gravenstafel and southward toward Zonnebeke. "Troop movements in Belgium indicate the Germans are sending all available reinforcements to this small zone of fighting in a desperate attempt to push back the British from the line, which, if held, threatens to prevent the advantage from the ground captured in last week's advance."

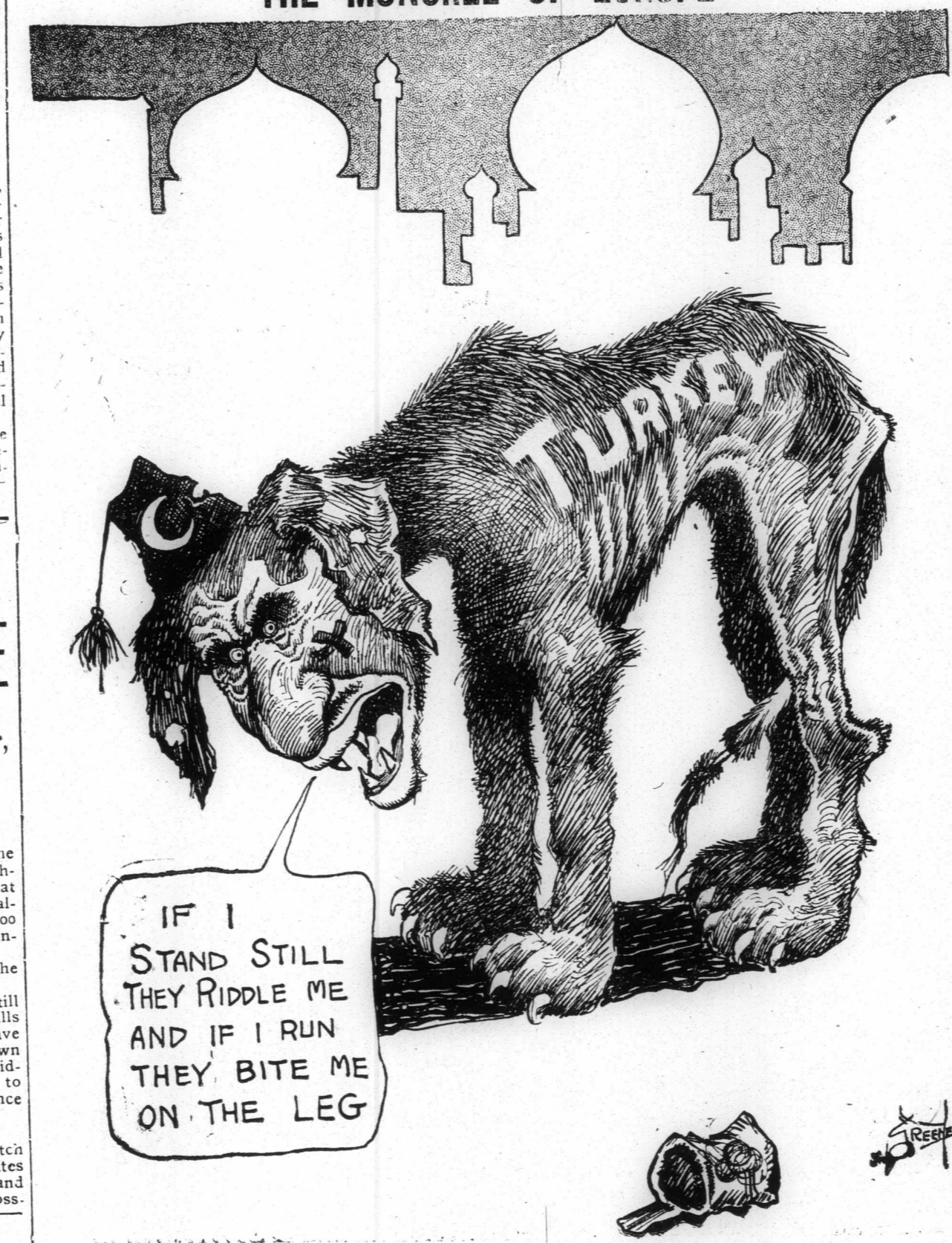
BEHIND THE LINES OF THE CANADIAN DIVISION AT FRONT

Description of the Business of Handling an Army in the Field in Modern War--Huge Organization Like Business House For Supplies.

London, Eng., Wednesday, May 5. There is perhaps nothing concerning an army about which less is known generally than the method by which the forces are maintained in the field. In other words, the functions of the "Bases" and the "Lines of Communication." The realm of romance is popularly supposed to begin only when the "front" is reached; the means which enable the soldier to go forward and to remain at the front are forgotten so soon as he gets into touch with the enemy. Nevertheless, apart from their vital importance, they are of considerable interest. In the case of our armies in France, the bases are naturally at seaports or close to them, and it is from these places that the whole of our forces are furnished with reinforcements, remounts, and everything of a material nature that is required for their sustenance. They are the gateways through which all troops and material pass into the country and where large stocks and portions of the reserves are maintained. These places, therefore, are connected with every branch of the Army, but more intimately with two--the Quartermaster-General's Department, which is concerned with the supply of material and animals and that of the Adjutant-General which deals with men. Under the former the Army Service Corps and the Army Ordnance Department are the two chiefly concerned.

MAY LIFT SUSPENSION. By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, May 5.--"Benny" Kauff, the star outfielder of the Brooklyn Federal League club, who was suspended last week for attempting to jump to the New York National League club, will, it was stated to-day, resume play with the Brooklyn club as soon as President Gilmore of the Federal league lifts the suspension. Kauff, it is understood, has settled differences over his salary and bonus with Robert B. Ward, president of the Brooklyn club, and is now satisfied with his Brooklyn contract. Owing to the intercession of Manager Magee, it was reported, he escaped a fine.

THE MONGREL OF EUROPE



MAY EVACUATE THE CITY OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Turks Have New Capital Prepared in the Rear, But Fear Bulgarians More Than the Allies.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, May 5.--A correspondent of the Daily Chronicle in a despatch sent to Constantinople by way of Bucharest, Roumania, describes a visit he paid to Eski-Shehir, Asia Minor, which Turkey is preparing to use as the new capital if Constantinople falls. "Eski-Shehir," the correspondent says, "is eight miles from the Bosphorus on the Anatolian railway. It occupies an excellent strategic position. Work is proceeding strenuously to improve the streets and the sanitary conditions. The government has commandeered 200 houses for official uses. These are now occupied by the families of high government officials. "The Turks have no fear that the Allies' attempt against the Dardanelles will force the abandonment of Constantinople. What they fear is a Bulgarian sweep southward. The Dardanelles have been so strengthened and fortified with obstacles that experts believe it would take an allied military force of at least 300,000 men to carve its way to Constantinople. "Regarding the campaign in the Caucasus the correspondent says: "The operations are at a standstill owing to the typhus fever which kills 50 daily. Vigorous measures have been taken unavailingly to put down the disease. The staff is now considering the withdrawal of the army to Ezerum to await the Russian advance through the infected region. PRISONERS ARRIVE. Paris, May 5.--A Havas despatch from Athens filed yesterday states that the inhabitants of Gallipoli and other parts of the peninsula are cross-

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JAPAN HAS SENT ULTIMATUM TO CHINESE GOVT.

China's Attitude Since Presentation of Modified Demands Has Become Distinctly Provocative--Republic is in a Poor Shape For War--Japan Ready to a Man.

Pekin, Wednesday, May 5.--Military preparations are being made for the defence of Peking. According to Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the Government is making no preparations elsewhere than at the capital for defence, considering that the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they make an attack. It is asserted in high quarters that one hundred thousand troops have been concentrated in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance. Special police and military precautions have been taken throughout the city, especially around the Winter Palace, where President Yuan Shi Kai resides. The officials declare that they are suspicious the Japanese may attempt a repetition of the Korean coup d'etat. The Japanese Legation, it is said, notified the Japanese yesterday to prepare to leave Peking, and that many women and children are getting ready to depart. Telegrams received here from Mukden say that the Japanese bank and post-offices there have suspended business, that the Japanese reservists have been called to the colors and that other civilians are concentrating in the railway zone. It is contended that the Chinese have conceded virtually all the articles.

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AVAILLED ITSELF OF ALL THE MEANS FOR PEACE

Sallandra Cabinet in Italy Now Awaits Reply by Special Mission of the Austrian Government.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, via Paris, May 5.--The meeting of the cabinet which was to have been held yesterday, has been postponed until this afternoon. A semi-official note says the ministers will consider the question of resuming parliamentary work. The excitement caused by the abandonment by King Victor Emmanuel and the ministers of their proposed trip to Quarto Sant'Elena has subsided in parliamentary circles, where it is believed there has been no essential modification of the situation. Since Monday sensational rumors have given place to more moderate reports according to which conversations between Italy and Austria are being continued. Foreign Minister Sonnino received calls yesterday afternoon by the British and French ambassadors and the secretary of the Russian embassy. Count Gouchowski, who is being sent to Rome on a special mission by the Austrian Government is expected here to-morrow. He will be received by the King and Baron Sonnino. He is supposed to be bringing the answer of Austria to the reported request of Italy, made through Prince Von Buelow that Austria make a clear statement of its intentions. If this answer is considered unsatisfactory, it is believed the Salandra ministry will take the position that it has availed itself without result of every possible means of averting war. CROWDED WITH PEOPLE. Genoa, via Paris, May 5.--Every train which arrived in this city yesterday and last night was crowded with prominent persons from all parts of Italy who have come here on their way to Quarto Sant'Elena to attend

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