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ALLIES ACTIVITY IN NEAR EAST CAUSES OPTIMISTIC FEELING

Serbian and Montenegrin Offer Stiff Resistance to Austro-German-Bulgarian Armies - Bulgars Compelled to Divide Their Armies

STUMITZA AND ENOS ARE IMPORTANT CAPTURES

Allies Will Endeavour to Bring Turkey to Her Knees Before Central Powers Can Render Assistance

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Reports that the Allies have occupied Stumitza, and landed at Enos, recently transferred from Turkish to Bulgarian rule has caused a more optimistic feeling throughout the Allied countries as to the progress in the Near Eastern campaign. It is known from both Serbian and German accounts that Field Marshal von Mackensen's army is meeting with greater resistance than expected, although it is probable that the Serbians eventually must fall back to stronger strategic positions in the north. The fact that the Allies are bringing heavy forces against the Bulgarians, and so placing them in a position where they are compelled to divide their armies, gives hope here that the Germans may be balked in their attempt to reach the sea by bringing assistance to the Turks.

All along the line the Serbians and their Montenegrin neighbours, who are also being attacked, are offering stubborn resistance both to the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians. While they have given up a number of towns and positions, they have not yet reached the line on which they are expected to make their stand.

The Bulgarians, so far as can be learned, have made progress only in the Zlotokopalla Valley, near the river Morava, north of the town of Vranja, where they blew up a bridge. There is no confirmation of the report that they cut the railway in this district, the bridge which they destroyed being a wooden one near the railway. The Bulgarian force which penetrated the valley, is not a large one. On the other hand it is pointed out that the capture of Stumitza is of real strategic value, as its occupation permits the defence of the southern end of the railway, and compels the Bulgarians to keep a force there of great value. Although not a good landing place, its occupation threatens Dedeshtaten, which has a great harbour and is fortified and mined. The civilian population has already fled, and the town is in the hands of the military under German officers.

The Italians, according to the latest reports, will not send a contingent to the Balkans, but the co-operation of their navy in the Aegean, where the Allied fleet is gathered, is looked for.

The point at which the Russians will strike has not been disclosed. The expectation is that the Allies have a surprise for the Central Powers, and that steps are being taken to

Armenians Will Join Allied Ranks

LONDON, Oct. 18.—A despatch to Reuters' telegram company from Petrograd says that Capt. Tarcom is planning to raise a volunteer corps from the Armenians now residing in the Balkans, Egypt, Italy, France, Britain and the States, to fight in the ranks of the Allies against Turkey.

In an appeal with this end in view Capt. Tarcom says the Armenians have been unable to prevent the massacre of Armenians in Asia Minor, by Turks, but those living in other countries can help fight Turkey, and the Allied Powers will not refuse them the right and honor of joining in the war against their oppressors.

Dardanelles To Be Abandoned For the Present

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—A special despatch to the "National Zeitung" from the Russian border, says:— "Your correspondent learns from a well-informed source that the abandonment of the Dardanelles campaign by France and Britain has already been decided upon. Russian circles, interested in this matter, have been informed that the Allies will not suspend operations in the Gallipoli Peninsula all at once, but gradually withdraw troops from there. Military circles in the Entente Powers are convinced of the hopelessness of the Dardanelles undertaking in its present form.

"The correspondent adds that another reason for the abandonment of the campaign is that the troops are needed for service in Serbia."

Another Norwegian Steamer Sunk

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Lloyd's announcement that the Norwegian steamer Salerno is sunk. Nineteen men and two women and children have been landed from her.

bringing Turkey to her knees before assistance can reach her.

There has been plenty of fighting both on the Eastern and Western fronts, but in neither case has either side attempted a general offensive. The Germans are still making great efforts between Riga and Dvinsk, and have met with some minor success. Thence to the Roumanian border wherever there has been any fighting it is the Russians who are attacking. They, too, claim some gains.

Much the same condition prevails on the Western front. The British have been attacking east of Vermilles, according to a Berlin report, while the Germans attacked the French near Souchez, and the French took the offensive in Champagne, Lorraine and in the Vosges.

Turks Fleet Wiped Out By Submarines

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 19.—A Danish gentleman who has just arrived from Constantinople, states that the Turkish fleet no longer exists: the Goeben was disabled and the Breslau's engines destroyed; the cruiser Medjidieh was wrecked during an expedition in the Black Sea and was torpedoed by the Turks themselves; later the Russians set her afloat and took her to Odessa. Haidredin Barbarossa, an armored cruiser, on the way to the Dardanelles with German officers and crew torpedoed with a smaller cruiser and destroyer and 1,400 perished. The Torgu Reis was disabled by an explosion of its own guns, 25 men being killed. Many small cruisers and torpedo boats were destroyed by mines. The Hamideh is the cruiser remaining. Nearly the whole Turkish fleet was destroyed by the Allies' submarines.

Greece's Action As Reported From Berlin

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—The Overseas News Agency says to-day that advances from Salonika to Budapest state that the Bulgarian minister to Greece, advising Premier Zaimis of Bulgaria's declaration of war against Serbia, gave expression to the friendly sentiments which Bulgaria held towards Greece.

Zaimis expressed thanks for the readiness of the Bulgarian Government to help provide for Greece in the way which would be necessary in the event of a blockade of the Greek coast. The Greek Premier said that the two nations misunderstood each other, but from this time onward would march in the same direction.

Serbian Make Bulgarians Hustle

MILAN, Oct. 19.—The correspondent of the "Secola" at Bucharest telegraphs that the Serbians are striving to occupy Wity, so as to prevent the Germans from obtaining any communication with the Bulgarians by the Lam Palanka route.

The Serbian army is seeking to envelop the Bulgarian troops operating in the direction of Timok River.

Sir Ian Hamilton Has Been Recalled

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Major Charles Carmichael Munro has been appointed to command the Dardanelles expedition, in succession to General Sir Ian Hamilton, who is returning to England to make a report.

This announcement was made by the War Office. Pending General Munro's arrival in Gallipoli, Major General Birdwood will temporarily command the troops.

Bulgars Repulsed Around Vranja

PARIS, Oct. 18.—The Bulgarians are continuing their attacks against the Nish-Uskub railroad. According to official information received at Athens, hard fighting is in progress at Vranja, where the Bulgarians are being driven back. German officers are in command along the entire Bulgarian line.

Papal Consistory

ROME, Oct. 18.—Pope Benedict shortly will hold a consistory, at which new cardinals will be created. The consistory probably will take place before Christmas.

Oporto Market

Nfld. stocks, 11,690 qtls.; consumption, 4,995 qtls.; Norwegian stocks, 2,645 qtls., consumption, 530 qtls. No wires reported.

Maud Coombes, of Bay L'Argent, suffering from a tubercular knee, arrived here yesterday for Hospital. Arthur Churchill, of Random, T.B., ill of consumption, also came and was taken by Mr. E. Whiteway to the Hospital on Signal Hill.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

OFFICIAL BRITISH

(To The Governor of Newfoundland.) LONDON, Oct. 18.—The French Government report further enemy attacks near Souchez repulsed; positions in Givenchy wood extended and consolidated; enemy trenches captured in Lorraine; and positions at Hartmannswillerkopf recaptured.

The Russian Government reports enemy progress near Riga, but hostile attacks repulsed near Dvinsk. BONAR LAW.

Carson Dislikes Policy of Govt. In Balkans

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The resignation of Sir Edward Carson, the first open manifestation of divergence of views known to exist among the Ministers, is the result, according to authoritative sources, not because of the controversy over conscription, but owing to conditions in the Near East.

Sir Edward, so far, has made no personal explanation, but it is understood he disapproves of the policy which is being followed in the Balkans, and the method of confiding the whole national policy to a small inner cabinet.

It is expected there will be exciting debates in the Commons this week, as severe attacks on the Government are planned by members of the House in connection with the general military policy in the Near East.

Will Investigate Death Of Nurse Cavell

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Foreign Secretary Grey has requested the United States Government to investigate the circumstances attending the execution of Miss Edith Cavell, the British nurse in Brussels.

Miss Cavell, who had been head of a training school in Brussels, was put to death by order of the German authorities, on a charge of having harboured British and French soldiers, and Belgians of military age, and assisting them to escape from Belgium to join the colors.

Sir Edward Resigns

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Serbs Head Off Invading Bulgars

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Hope of Allied Help Sustains People-Saloniki Presents Amazing Spectacle of Naval Power

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Italy Declares War On Bulgaria

ROME, Oct. 19.—Italy has declared war on Bulgaria, according to an announcement by the Stefani News Agency.

WILSON LINER SUNK

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(Delayed in transmission).—The steamship Aleph of the Wilson Line has been sunk. Reports reaching here today say the crew are saved.

A FINE SCHOONER

The schooner Mark A. Tobin, arrived here yesterday, coming here from Louisburg, coal laden to Baine, Johnston & Co. She is a handsome quite new, being launched at Lunenburg, N.S. only 6 months ago, and will be laden with fish for Oporto.

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Withdrawal from the Dardanelles Is Denied

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Athens correspondent to the "Daily Mail" telegraphs that reports of depletion of the forces at the Dardanelles or the slackening of operations there in order to assist the Serbians are characterized by a high military authority as purely fantastic. The Allies on Gallipoli Peninsula have been reinforced and are holding their positions stubbornly. Their pressure against the Turkish line in fact, is described as being so strong that not one Turkish soldier can be released for assistance in Bulgaria.

Winter's Fishery Begins Badly

The winter fishery along the S.W. Coast we learn by the Fortia has begun but up to the present very little cod has been caught. A gentleman interested in it had a letter yesterday from Rose Blanche saying that the fishery was very poor, no bait being procurable. The fishermen on the East, North and Southern parts of the Island the past two months have lost thousands of dollars by the absence of bait and it looks as if the same calamity threatens those who engage in the winter fishery. All are damning the policy of Morris and his crowd misnamed a Government who shouted cold storage for bait as an election cry, but who once they were given leave to do so, sat under the shadow of the chest too busy swiping the public sheekels to pay heed to the needs of the fishermen. The Grabbals will however soon be fired out by the tollers and they never will be missed.

Judgment For \$10.50

All last week the case of Small wood vs. Hall took up the attention of Judge Hutchings at intervals. It was an action for \$75 damage to plaintiff's horse by left's barbed wire fence and Mr. Cyril Fox appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. E. Emerson for defendant. To-day Mr. Hutchings handed down a lengthy judgment, reviewing the legal aspects of the case and rendering a judgment for plaintiff for \$10.50 and costs.

Sir T. B. Bowring Dead

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The death occurred of Sir Thomas Benjamin Bowring, Director of Bowring & Co., shipowners, of Liverpool and London.

Sir Thomas Bowring was born in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1847. His wife was a daughter of James Howo Brooklyn. He represented his firm as resident partner in New York from 1870 to 1891 and was knighted in 1913.

The Serbians Strongly Entrenched

ATHENS, Oct. 19.—There is heavy fighting in the Pistovac and Vranja districts of Serbia, according to reliable news from Salonika. The Serbians have been strongly reinforced. Beyond Vranja, telegraphic communication is interrupted.

CARSON'S RESIGNATION MAY BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS

SHIPPING

The schr. Atlanta arrived at Wood's Isld., Bay of Islands, yesterday, from Gloucester to load herring.

The schr. Lief sailed from Grand Bank for Oporto yesterday with 3,387 qtls. cod, shipped by S. Harris.

The S.S. Mackay Bennett sailed last evening for the Banks to resume the work of cable repairing.

The S.S. Frontera, sailed to-day for Malaga, Spain, taking 13,859 qtls. codfish from Job Bros. & Co.

The Prospero left Coachman's Cove at 7 p.m. yesterday, bound North.

The S.S. Florizel, Capt. Martin, sails to-morrow for Halifax and New York, taking several passengers and a large freight.

The Portia passed several bankers off Cape Race yesterday, all returning from the Labrador and bound home to Western ports.

The Cymbeline, which was loaded by Paul J. Dunn, sailed recently from Margovic, taking 3,516 qtls. codfish to Europe.

The S.S. Amanda sailed for Naples at midnight, taking 10,018 qtls. cod fish in casks, shipped by A. H. Murray & Co.

The Ada Peard arrived at Bahia on the 15th inst. after a run of 42 days, all well. She was loaded by Baine Johnston & Co.

The S.S. Durango arrived here at 11 last night from Halifax, after a run of two days, with considerable freight but no passengers. She sailed for Liverpool to-morrow evening and is deeply laden for this port.

The Fogota sailed North at 10 a.m. to-day with a large freight and as passengers.—Mrs. Guy, S. J. Lockyer, Capt. Jesse Winsor, S. Lockyer, Capt. Bishop, W. Goodyear, R. Parsons, Miss M. Moore, Miss J. Moore and 15 steerage.

The S.S. Gattress is now at Bowring Bros., Southside, and the shifting barrels in Nos. 2 and 4 holds being broken, the cargo of grain is being taken out of them, to be restored later and she will get away by the latter part of the week.

Three New Cardinals

AMSTERDAM, The Vienna "Reichspost" asserts that the Papal nuncio at Vienna, Monsignor Count Scapinelli di Leguigno, Archbishop of Verceille of Bologna and Archbishop of Geneva will be nominated as Cardinals in November.

Conservative Papers Admire the Stand Carson Took and Says Present Government Has Not Handled Public Questions in the Manner They Should

CONSCRIPTION QUESTION STILL A LIVE ONE

London Papers Express Regret Over Carson's Resignation and Fear He Will Be Followed by Other Cabinet Ministers

LONDON, Oct. 19.—Much regret is expressed in the London morning papers over the resignation of Sir Edward Carson, Attorney-General. There is an apprehension expressed that it is not impossible his giving up his portfolio may be followed by other resignations.

The "Times" says Sir Edward's action is taken on what he holds to be a fundamental question of policy and that it is understood he is by no means alone in his attitude towards the conduct of the war.

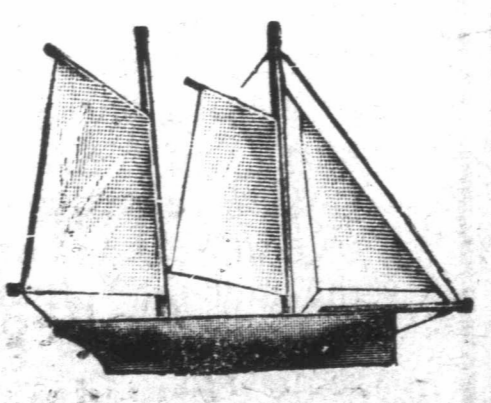
"According to the 'Chronicle' the question of Conscription did not come to a head at yesterday's Cabinet meeting, as matters arising out of the Balkan situation, especially the enigmatic attitude of Greece, occupied the Ministers' whole time. The 'Chronicle' says 'the conscriptionists have not abandoned their intention to force an early decision on the question. Before the week is out there may be sensational developments, unless wiser counsels prevail. The newspaper adds: 'Ministers resignations are freely talked about and the very existence of the Coalition Government may soon be in jeopardy.' Asking where the alternative government is to come from, the 'Chronicle' contends that even if the conscriptionists should succeed in forming an administration, they would be without a majority in parliament and have at least half the nation arrayed against them.

The "Morning Post," the leading Conservative paper, says Carson resigned because of the Near Eastern question. The Government, against his strong advice and urgent counsel allowed that question to drift. Sir Edward Carson, who had strong convictions on what he regarded as the right policy for the country, refused to share the responsibility for results of postponing or evading a decision. We cannot quarrel with him for taking his momentous step, on the contrary no man of intellect or courage could remain in a government which dallies and postpones its decisions from day to day on issues where a delay is dangerous or may be fatal.

Allies Seize Enos In Aegean Sea

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The Entente Allies have effected a landing at Enos, on the Aegean Sea, in European Turkey, close to the Bulgarian border, and have seized the railway at that point, according to a despatch from Athens.

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