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BRITISH WARSHIPS IMPRESS THE KING OF GREECE

ABSOLUTE GUARANTY DEMANDED

Nothing Short of That Will Be Accepted From Greece.

TOO MUCH AT STAKE

Greek Government Soon Must Define Its Attitude Toward Allies.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—With the increasing gravity, from the allies' viewpoint, of the military situation in Serbia, the attitude of Greece toward the armies of the entente powers has become a matter of the deepest concern, and an effort is being made to induce the Greek Government to definite its intentions.

It is said that the presence at Saloniki of a large number of French and British warships, with transports, has made some impression on King Constantine and his advisers. But, with so much at stake, nothing short of a positive guarantee of the safety of the French, British and Serbian troops, should they be compelled by circumstances to retire into Greece, will satisfy London and Paris, the ministers of which capitals are being strongly supported by the Russian and Italian representatives.

The presence of Lord Kitchener, the British secretary of war, in the Aegeon, and of Denys Cochin, a member of the French cabinet, at Athens, it is hoped here will help to clear up a very complicated situation.

EX-M. P. WINS PROMOTION ENLISTED AS PRIVATE

James W. Maddin Gazetted Provisional Lieutenant in Argyle Highlanders.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—James W. Maddin, ex-M.P. for South Cape Breton, who enlisted as a private for service at the front, is today gazetted provisional lieutenant in the 94th Argyle Highlanders of Victoria.

TRY TO SETTLE KELLY LAWSUIT

Manitoba Ministers Agree to Compromise for One Million Dollars.

CONTRACTOR'S OFFER

About Three-Quarters of That Sum Said to Be Available.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 16.—An evening paper today published on what it claimed as authoritive information that the Manitoba Government had agreed to accept a sum approaching $1,000,000 as restitution from Contractor Thomas Kelly in settlement of the pending civil action, but that the criminal action would still proceed.

To some extent there is believed to be confirmation of this. Kelly has made an offer, but not more than $700,000 or $800,000. The government, it is said, hopes to get a better settlement thru straight process in the courts. The government claim is for about $1,250,000, this being the total of the "extras" with which the original parliament buildings contract was embellished. The case will come into court tomorrow.

BOAT WITH EIGHTEEN PASSENGERS MISSING

Indian Monarch Was Burned While on Way to Auckland, N. Z.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—The representatives here of the Monarch Steamship Company say that one boat with 18 men from the British steamer Indian Monarch, which was abandoned on fire 420 miles south of St. Helena, November 9, is missing. The captain and 17 members of the crew of the steamer were landed at St. Helena Monday. The Indian Monarch was bound from New York for Auckland, New Zealand.

WHITE VINDICATES HIMSELF.

BOSTON, Nov. 16.—Charley White of Chicago, who was defeated two months ago by Milburn Saylor of Indianapolis, turned on his conqueror tonight and knocked him out a minute and a half after the bout started. The match was to have gone 12 rounds.

30,000 Bulgars Were Repulsed By French Troops

Austrian Attacks Fail in Purpose

Montenegrins Maintained Positions and Inflicted Enormous Losses on Enemy.

CETTINJE, Nov. 15, via Paris, Nov. 16.—An official communication, issued by the Montenegrin headquarters today, says:

"The Austrian attacks against our Sanjak position were redoubled in violence all day on the 14th. We succeeded nevertheless in maintaining our positions and inflicting enormous losses on the enemy. We have repulsed Austrian attacks on Nouchido and Troglav. Artillery fighting along the remainder of the front continues.

MAY ASK ALLIES TO QUIT GREECE

Rumors Current That King Constantine Will Make Request.

MORE WARSHIPS ARRIVE

Harbor of Saloniki Full of Battleships Ready for Action.

SALONIKI, via Paris, Nov. 16.—Anti-dynastic demonstrations are reported on good authority to have occurred at Patras, one of the strongholds of ex-Premier Venizelos, and also the home of former Premier Gounaris, who now represents it in the chamber of deputies.

While the intentions of King Constantine's government with respect to the Balkan situation have not been defined, rumors have been current that the entente allies' troops may be requested to quit Greek soil. A significant feature of the tense situation is the material increase recently in the number of allied warships in the harbor of Saloniki, and more are expected to arrive daily.

The organ of ex-Premier Venizelos at Saloniki says:

"Martial law and an oligarchy are in unlawful possession of the power. There will be no demobilization; yet elections will be held. Fifty Venizelist deputies, who were mobilized, requested the postponement of the date of their enrolment to enable them to conduct their electoral campaigns. The ministry of war refused the request. This unhappy preamble says much for the intentions of the Skouloudis cabinet. The new chamber will represent anything but the nation."

CANADIANS WILL BUILD RAILWAY FOR RUSSIA

Party Leaves Country to Assist in Constructing Munitions Line for Czar.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.— Two more parties of high-class mechanics have left Canada for Europe to take part in work connected with the war. One party will assist in the construction of a munitions railway in northern Russia.

U. S. ASK MORE LIGHT ON SINKING OF ANCONA

Pertinent Queries Are Addressed to Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16. — Ambassador Penfield at Vienna was instructed by cable today to ask the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office for a statement in detail of the circumstances of the torpedoing of the Italian liner Ancona last week.

The undetermined points on which the American Government now seeks information are: Did the submarine fire a warning shot?

Did the submarine cease firing when the Ancona came to a stop?

How much time was given passengers and crew to get into the lifeboats?

What were the activities of the submarine while the ship was unloading its passengers?

Was a torpedo fired while any of the passengers were aboard?

The fact that the Austrian Government assumes responsibility for the action of the submarine disposes, it is believed, of the reports that the under sea boat flew a German flag, but officials are anxious to be satisfied on this point as well.

FIELD STAFF FULLY CAPABLE HALDANE'S REPLY TO CRITICS

Baron St. Davids Feared "Muddling in High Places" Deprived British of Full Success—Inquiry Into Lack of Reserves at Loos.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Charges of incompetency and neglect of their work were brought against the British staff in France by Baron St. Davids, in the house of lords this evening, when he asked the government whether its attention had been called to the reports alleging that during the recent fighting there had been many complaints as to failures of the staff work.

Lord St. Davids asserted that men had been added to the staff for no military reasons, who ought to be in the trenches, and that he had been told that the British headquarters staff was five or six times as large as that of Gen. Joffre, the French commander-in-chief. It had been stated, he continued, that women visited headquarters in France, and asked whether the government defended their presence there.

"Muddling in High Places."

The people were sending their sons out to fight under the direction of men who, he declared, were living at headquarters in vast numbers and could not get early to their offices because they were up late playing bridge.

"It is about time," said Lord St. Davids, "that the men were given a fair chance. More than once the troops have broken the German lines, but owing to bad staff work the whole thing fell thru. Many lives have been sacrificed owing to muddling in high places."

Enquiry Under Way.

The Marquis of Crewe, lord privy seal, replied that the allegations that success at Loos had been missed owing to the failure to bring up reserves at the right time, was the subject of an enquiry between the highest authorities that could be invoked.

Baron Newton, who said he was unable to disclose the number of the British staff, defended it, as did also Viscount Haldane, the former secretary for war.

Haldane's Stout Defence.

Lord Haldane declared that Lord St. Davids had launched his attack without adequate information. "It is true," he said, "that the country has suffered owing to the want of an organized general staff. Nevertheless, there has been evolved a general staff of the highest order. To say that the work of the staff is a failure is to say something which is very far from the truth. As for Field Marshal French, he is up at 6 o'clock in the morning."

The Marquis of Crewe said that from his knowledge of Field Marshal French, he thought it exceedingly unlikely that he would submit to have persons forced upon his personal staff. Lord Crewe had no hesitation in saying that unless women had business at headquarters they ought not to go there.

BRITISH ARTILLERY ACTIVE SIR JOHN FRENCH REPORTS

LONDON, Nov. 16.—An official communication from Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, made public here tonight, says:

"Since my communication of Nov. 10, the artillery on both sides has been active, especially south of the La Bassee Canal, east of Kemmel and east of Ypres. There have been no infantry actions. There has been considerable mining activity."

SHOT IN WRIST BY A SPRING GUN

Gas Inspector Wounded in Entering Cellar While on Duty.

POLICE MAKE ARREST

Edward Morrison, Auburn Avenue, Alleged to Have Set Trap.

When an employe of the Consumers' Gas Co. visited the house of Edward Morrison, 78 Auburn avenue, yesterday afternoon, and opened the door of the cellar where he was going to inspect the meter, he received a bullet in his wrist from a .32 calibre revolver which had been attached to the door.

He immediately made a complaint to the police at Ossington avenue station, but when asked for his name, he ran out of the station and away.

Morrison was afterwards arrested by Acting Detective Wickett on a charge of setting a spring gun which was fully loaded.

To the police Morrison claimed he was an inventor and that certain articles of food which he had placed in his cellar were poisoned with whitelead some time ago by an alleged enemy of his. Recently he found evidence that persons were entering his cellar, and in order to scare them away he decided to set up a spring gun. He placed the revolver in a frame inside the door, about four feet from the ground, and attached a string from the door knob thru a hook a foot higher up, and then to the trigger of the revolver, which was placed in such position that on the door being opened, firing the gun the bullet would strike an unwary visitor of normal height, in the chest.

He will appear in the police court today.

VON HINDENBURG SHIFTED TO WEST

Kaiser's Favorite Soldier Reported to Have Left Eastern Front.

LONDON, Nov. 17, 2.30 a.m.—The Morning Post's Berne, Switzerland correspondent says it is reported there that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has left the eastern for the western front.

LIEUT. CHESTER HUGHES KILLED

Son of Dr. James L. Hughes Meets Death in France.

MEMBER OF ENGINEERS

No Particulars Except Cable Announcing Fatality Received.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—A cable came to the militia department today, addressed to Sir Sam Hughes, announcing the death of Chester Hughes, son of J. L. Hughes, of Toronto, former school inspector for that city. He was a member of No. 6 Field Company Engineers, and a nephew of the minister of militia. The cable was relayed to Gen. Hughes at Halifax.

Lieut. Chester Hughes, who was killed in France, was the son of Dr. James L. Hughes, 47 Dundonald street. Word of the lieutenant's death was sent to Dr. Hughes thru his brother, the minister of militia, yesterday afternoon. No particulars of the casualty are obtainable yet.

Lieut. Hughes was 27 years of age. He graduated from Parkdale Collegiate and went to Toronto University (S.P.S.), receiving his degree of B.Sc. four years ago, but he took a post-graduate course in steel and concrete.

He was responsible for constructing three bridges in Scarboro, and then joined the C.P.R. construction department. Shortly after he became affiliated with an old college mate as the locating engineer on some construction work in New Brunswick.

On account of the important duties in connection with this position he was unable to enlist with the first contingent, but joined the 6th Divisional Engineers at the close of last year, and left for the front immediately. While in this corps some very dangerous engineering plans were under his direction, and he was mentioned several times for his gallantry and engineering skill.

TWO ACQUITTED.

HAMILTON, Wednesday, Nov. 17.—In the criminal court yesterday afternoon Harvey Spratt and Anglo-Franco were acquitted of respective charges of theft and aggravated assault.

NO COMPULSION NEEDED TO FIND MEN FOR ARMY

Conscription in Great Britain May Be Avoided, Says Premier.

FAITH IN VOLUNTEERS

Bonar Law Also Believes Present System Will Win War.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Premier Asquith is still hopeful that the voluntary system of recruiting in the United Kingdom will succeed. The premier stated in the house of commons this afternoon it was his hope and belief that coercive measures would not have to be resorted to.

The premier said he was confident that the appeal to the sense of patriotic duty now being so energetically pressed by Lord Derby's committee would elicit an adequate response from all classes, particularly the young unmarried men of the country.

Mr. Asquith, to quiet the fears of the anti-conscriptionists, reiterated that no decision regarding compulsory enlistment could be taken without the consent of parliament.

Jas. Henry Thomas, assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and Labor member for Derby, complained that the Earl of Derby's circular conveyed the impression that conscription would be enforced after Nov. 30. That, he declared, would be a violation of the agreement with the Labor party. He did not believe that the government would be able to force a conscription bill thru the house of commons; nor did he believe that the voluntary system of enlistment had failed.

For Voluntary System.

Andrew Bonar Law said that while at the outset of the war he believed conscription to be the best system, he realized that recourse to it now might cost too much, since it would divide the nation. The whole question depended upon whether under the voluntary system all the men necessary to win the war could be obtained. He contended that they would, if the voluntary system were given a fair chance.

Mr. Bonar Law ridiculed the idea that Lord Derby intended to suggest that if every eligible unmarried man did not enlist, those who stayed behind would be compelled to join the colors before the married men were called on. What Lord Derby meant was that if there was a general shirkage among the unmarried men, then they would be made to enlist.

RUSSIAN OFFICIALS NOT BUYING IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The Russian embassy issued a statement tonight declaring that neither the embassy nor any of its officials were connected in any way with the purchasing of supplies in the United States for the Russian Government.

SHAH STAYS IN TEHERAN

He Professes Friendship for Both Great Britain and Russia.

GERMANY'S PRESSURE

Great Efforts Made to Compel Persia to Fight Russia.

LONDON, Nov. 16. — A Petrograd despatch received here says that a telegram from Teheran asserts that after deliberating with the council of ministers, the Shah of Persia received the British and Russian ministers and informed them that he had given up the idea of leaving the city.

"The shah," the despatch adds, "declared himself friendly to Great Britain and Russia, and did not hide the fact that in the course of a year the Germans had made great efforts to drag Persia into the war against Russia. Before the shah's interview with the British and Russian ministers, the German, Austrian and Turkish ministers, feeling sure that the shah would leave Teheran, departed from the Persian capital.

"Prince Eynoud Daoule and Prince Firman Firma, both of whom are Russophile, have been given seats in the cabinet."

ACCUSES OFFICERS OF REMOVING SUPPLIES

Sensational Charge Made at London, Ont., Court of Inquiry.

LONDON, Oct. Nov. 16.—Sergt. Ralph Lougheed and Lance-Corp. Pere caused a sensation at tonight's session of the court of inquiry investigating charges of wholesale theft from the quartermaster's stores of the 33rd Battalion, C.E.F., by swearing that one day they saw Maj. McCrimmon, third in command of the battalion, and Capt. T. L. Haygarth, suspended quartermaster of the unit, leaving the camp with an automobile full of large quantities of sugar and powdered milk. Capt. Haygarth refused to give evidence until he had consulted his lawyer.

Tonight's session of the inquiry was the first open one since the court began its sitting here. Brig.-Gen. Henry Smith of Ottawa is president of the board.

BRITISH MINISTER TO RECOGNIZE CARRANZA

Hopler, Now in Washington, Will Ask for Satisfactory Assurances.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Great Britain has authorized Minister Hopler to Mexico to extend recognition to the de facto government upon his return to his post from the United States.

Mr. Hopler is now in Washington and before starting for Mexico will confer with Elizeo Arredondo, Carranza's representative here, regarding assurances of the safeguarding of British interests.

ATHENS IS EXCITED OVER COCHIN'S VISIT

Merchants Show Friendliness by Display of the French Tricolor.

ATHENS, Nov. 14, via Paris, Nov. 16.—Many of the Athens merchants decorated their establishments today with the French tri-color in honor of the arrival of Denbys Cochin, minister without portfolio in the French Cabinet. The local newspapers attribute great importance to the visit of M. Cochin.

U. S. SUPERDREADNOUGHTS PROOF AGAINST SUBS.?

Washington Claims Experiments Are Meeting with Marked Success.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Bids will be opened at the navy department tomorrow for the two 32,000-ton superdreadnoughts authorized by the last congress. The act limited the cost of these ships to approximately $15,000,000 each.

The two new ships will be built on plans prepared after secret experiments to develop means of lessening danger from submarine attacks. These experiments are continuing and are said to be meeting with marked success.

LIEUT. WOODROW WOUNDED.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—Lieut. J. B. Woodrow of the Royal Army Medicals, reported wounded, was formerly with the Canadian Medicals, being attached to the Alberta district.

FINE EXPLOIT WON REWARD

Private Wythe Ventured Three Times Into a German Sap.

PERILS WERE GREAT

Two Germans Were Killed and Valuable Information Obtained.

LONDON, Nov. 16.—A distinguished conduct medal has been granted to Private A. H. V. Wythe, of the fifth battalion, for conspicuous gallantry, resource and coolness on Oct. 9, at Messines, where he entered a German sap with an officer, and shot two Germans. The next day he returned with the same officer and drove the enemy out of their position, obtaining much valuable information.

On Oct. 17 Private Wythe went for the third time into the enemy's camp, accompanied by two others, and secured further useful information. This little party only retired after ten bombs were thrown at them by the Germans.

LIQUOR STORES UNDER BAN.

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—All liquor stores in Ottawa have been placed out of bounds for soldiers by order of Col. Hemming, D.O.C. This is to prevent soldiers purchasing flasks or bottles of liquor.

BULGARS DEFEATED ON CERNA

French Repulsed Attacks by Forces Numbering Thirty Thousand.

ALONG ENTIRE FRONT

Austro-German Attempt to Envelop Serbs in North Fails.

SALONIKI, Nov. 16, 1.50 p.m.—General Sarrail, commander-in-chief of the French army in the Balkans, in announcing the result of a 36-hour battle on the Cerna River, in southern Serbia, declares that 30,000 Bulgarians were repulsed along the whole line with very heavy casualties. Not one French gun was lost.

The Austro-German effort to envelop the Serbian army in the north, it is also announced, has failed, and the Serbian counter-offensive is proceeding successfully.

BULGAR ARMY IS CLOSING IN UPON PRILEP

Serbs Retreat From Babuna Pass—Krushevo Falls to Enemy.

FRENCH REPEL ATTACK

Bulgars, Heavily Reinforced, Seek to Bar Way to Veles.

LONDON, Nov. 17, 2.57 a.m.—A despatch received here says that the Serbians have been compelled to retreat from the Babuna Pass, owing to the danger of their position being turned. The despatch adds that the Bulgarians have captured Krushevo, and are now six miles east of Prilep.

The Bulgarians have been strongly reinforced both in central and southern Serbia, and are opposing formidable forces to the French at Gradsko and along the left bank of the Cerna.

Thus far the French are holding their original position, but the pressure is necessarily being felt by troops who have been fighting for days without cessation.

Italian Troops on Way.

In the north, the Austro-Germans, who have joined hands with the Bulgarians west of Nish, are moving slowly and steadily, but doubtless cautiously owing to the presence of the unbeaten Montenegrins, with, perhaps, other support, harassing them in the west.

A despatch received tonight from Vienna by way of Zurich, says that British and Italian troops are endeavoring to reach the battlefield where the Serbians are awaiting them, but does not say from what point they are coming. The near east will be watched with considerable anxiety for the next few days.

Bulgars Repulsed on Cerna.

A French official statement tonight

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ARE YOU PREPARED FOR COLD WEATHER?

Chilly days make the unprepared hurry along the streets to keep warm. Foresighted people have already purchased warm fur coats or fur sets from W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street, Toronto, foremost fur house. The display of furs in Dineen's Yonge street windows is attracting considerable attention. Crowds admire the magnificent display of stylish furs, and marvel at the low prices. Come in and see the amazing values offered in the season's newest furs.