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PROBS—FAIR

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TURKEY LOSES AN ARMORED CRUISER; STRUCK A MINE NEAR THE RUSSIAN COAST

BULGARIANS IN CLASH WITH SERBIAN TROOPS ALONG THE FRONTIER

Bulgarian Irregulars Invade Serbian Territory at Strumitsa, Capture Two Cannon and Bombard Station—Raiders Driven Off After Brief but Sharp Contest—Incident May Indicate Bulgaria's Intention to Join With Germany Against Allies.

Paris, April 3, 1.15 p. m.—Hostilities between Serbian troops and Bulgarian irregulars have broken out along the border.

An official statement issued at Nish, Serbia, as forwarded to the Havas Agency, says that the Bulgarians overwhelmed the Serbian frontier guards and occupied Serbian territory.

The statement follows:

"Last night Bulgarian irregulars, wearing military uniforms attacked, in large numbers, our outposts at Valandovo. Our frontier guards, overwhelmed by superior numbers, were forced to give ground, and retreated in the direction of the railway station at Strumitsa.

"At five a. m. the Bulgarians occupied all the heights on the left bank of the Vardar. The losses were serious.

"Wounded soldiers state that the Bulgarian bands fought under the direction of Bulgarian officers. The number of troops engaged was slightly more than a regiment.

"Neighboring frontier posts immediately sent reinforcements."

Invaders Repulsed.

Paris, April 3.—An official despatch from Chuevghel, Serbia, to Saloniki, forwarded to the Havas Agency, confirms the statement that Bulgarian bands crossed the Serbian border. They are said to have captured from the Serbian frontier guards two cannon, with which they bombarded the railway station at Strumitsa. Railway and telegraph communications were cut.

After heavy fighting, this message says, the Bulgarians were repulsed and fled closely pursued by Serbian troops.

Regular Officers Led Expedition?

London, April 3.—The Central News says that in the fighting along the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier the casualties were few. The raiders fled to Bulgarian territory after being put to rout.

An official telegram from Nish to the Serbian legation here says the Bulgarian invaders captured ten Serbian guns. They are said to be fighting under regular officers and it is expected that in reality they are regular Bulgarian troops.

Serbian reinforcements are arriving on the scene of battle. The fighting continues, the Serbian legation is informed, and there have been considerable losses on both sides.

Serbia Demands Punishment of Raiders.

Paris, April 4.—The Petit Journal says that Serbia has protested to Bulgaria because of the invasion of Serbian territory by a force described as Bulgarian irregulars. While couched in moderate terms, the protest is said to request the arrest and imprisonment of the persons responsible for the raid.

Further details of the incident received today confirm the report that the invaders were driven away from the railroad station at Strumitsa, the Serbian town near the Bulgarian border where the attack was made. The railway station master at Strumitsa reports that the line to Chuevghel is now clear of the raiders, and apparently has not been damaged.

Serbian frontier guards, who pursued the fleeing irregulars, retook the two cannon which had been captured. Six bodies were found in the railway station at Strumitsa. The extent of the losses inflicted upon the attacking force is unknown, but is believed to be large. Thirty bodies were found, and the raiders themselves picked up and buried a number of others.

This is said to be the fifth incident of its kind since the beginning of the European war, and there is much speculation in Paris as to their exact significance. It is felt that the attitude of Bulgaria on this occasion will indicate what policy she intends to pursue.

The Havas Agency received today from Nish, Serbia, a despatch saying that the losses of the Serbian troops were sixty killed and fifty-three wounded, including five officers.

Fight Didn't Last Long.

London, April 4.—The Serbian legation in London received today the following official despatch from Nish:

TO REPEAT ORDERS



OLD MAN CANADA TO ITINERANT BOOK VENDOR—"No sir-ee, I've had some of your goods before and they cost more than they're worth."

EXPECTS THAT ITALY WILL JOIN ALLIES THIS MONTH

Member of Chamber of Deputies Says Preparations Are Complete—Not Necessary For Government to Convoke Parliament to Declare War.

Paris, April 4.—Giuseppe Bevilone, editor of the Turin Stampa, and also a member of the Italian chamber of deputies, told the Associated Press today that he had a deep conviction that Italy would begin war against Germany and Austria before the end of April.

Signor Bevilone said Italy's military preparations were almost complete. The Italian government, he declared, was not waiting for a decisive battle in favor of the Allies, but desired to become engaged in the war before such a battle as Italy would then be in a position to realize her aspirations, in accord with the Allies. He added that it was not possible for Austria to satisfy these aspirations, because, in part they concerned the Mediterranean.

The belief was expressed by Signor Bevilone that the Vatican would not be opposed to Italy intervening in the war. He said also that it was not necessary for the government to convoke parliament for the purpose of declaring war.

CHINA AGREES TO TERMS OF TOKIO GOV'T

Extends Port Arthur Lease to 99 Years and Japan Gets Rights Germany Formerly Held in Shantung.

Paris, April 4.—A despatch to the Temps from Petrograd says:

"The China-Japanese negotiations, according to reliable information, has been concluded. The Chinese government agrees to extend the Port Arthur lease for 99 years. It recognizes also that Japan has all the rights in Shantung previously belonging to Germany, and conditions are laid down that Germany shall never have the right to acquire colonies or spheres of influence in China."

DUTCH STEAMER WITH ALL ABOARD BELIEVED LOST OFF HATTERAS

"Sinking Fast" Last Word From the Prinz Maurits, Bound from New York for West Indies—Four Passengers and Crew of Nearly Fifty.

New York, April 4.—Fears that the steamer Prinz Maurits, of the Royal Dutch West Indies Company Line, had gone down, possibly with all on board, were expressed tonight in a wireless message received from the steamer Algonquin, which yesterday went to the aid of the Prinz Maurits, reported in distress off Cape Hatteras.

The message from the Algonquin said the last heard from the Prinz Maurits were the words: "Sinking fast." The Algonquin's message added: "No later news was received from her, but all hands are supposed to have perished."

The Prinz Maurits, which left New York Thursday for West Indies ports, carried only four passengers. She was commanded by Captain H. J. Vandervoort.

The steamer is of 1,328 tonnage, 285 feet long, 30 feet beam and about 20 feet depth. She was built in Hamburg in 1900. She carried a crew of 40 to 45 men.

Word that the Prinz Maurits was in distress came in a wireless message yesterday, supposed to have been sent by a British cruiser.

She reported her latitude and longitude and asked for prompt help. Several vessels, including the Algonquin and the City of Macon, went to her assistance. No further word came from her, or from the steamers that had gone to the rescue, until tonight's message from the Algonquin.

Find No Trace of the Prinz Maurits. Norfolk, April 4.—Steamers which went to the assistance of the Dutch steamer Prinz Maurits reported tonight they were unable to find any trace of her, and had received no response to wireless cables to her.

Baltimore, April 4.—A despatch to the Maritime Exchange tonight from Cape Henry, Va., said it was reported that a Luckenbach tug was wrecked three miles north of False Cape, and only one man saved. It is thought at least seven persons were aboard.

TUG WRECKED NEAR FALSE CAPE, ONLY ONE OF CREW SAVED

London, April 4.—The sinking of the Turkish armored cruiser Medjidieh is reported from Petrograd to Reuter's Telegram Company. A semi-official communication from Sebastopol to Petrograd says that the Medjidieh struck a mine near the Russian coast last night and went down.

The Medjidieh was a member of the Turkish Black Sea fleet which has attacked Russian ports on several occasions and sunk Russian vessels. On January 31, it was announced at Petrograd that the Medjidieh with the Turkish cruiser Midirli, formerly the German cruiser Breslau, had been discovered near Samson by the Russian fleet but escaped after a long pursuit.

The Medjidieh was an American built ship, having been laid down in Philadelphia in 1903. She was not a large vessel and her armament was comparatively light. She was 331 feet long and 42 feet beam and had a displacement of 3,432 tons.

She was armed with two 6-inch guns, eight 4.7-inch guns, six 3-pounders, six 1-pounders and two torpedo tubes. Her complement was 302 men.

GERMANS MAKE SLIGHT GAIN ALONG YSER FRONT; HAVE TAKEN A VILLAGE

Heavy Fighting for Supremacy in Carpathians — No New Developments in Dardanelles — Prohibition Discussed from Pulpits in England and People Urged to Follow Example of King and Cabinet Ministers.

London, April 4.—Stubborn battles are still being fought for the passes in the Carpathian Mountains, but elsewhere comparative calm appears to prevail. The Austrians, in their official message this morning, admitted that they had been forced to retreat in the Beskid Mountains, while tonight they claim to have repulsed many Russian attacks and to have taken more than 2,000 prisoners.

Nevertheless, it is the opinion of British military experts that the Austro-German forces will have to retire to the mountains south of the Carpathian range and to make another effort there to prevent the Russian armies, and particularly the Cossacks, from swarming over the plains of Hungary.

The Germans have made a slight advance on the Yser front, where they have taken a village from the Belgians, but it is not believed that any big attempts will be made in this region, as floods, which can be brought about at any time by opening the sluices, offer an impenetrable barrier to a general advance.

Fighting also continues in the forest of Le Preire, which has been the scene of a long and sanguinary battle. Nothing new has been received from the Dardanelles, or the other Turkish fronts, although a Russian semi-official report says that the Turkish protected cruiser Medjidieh struck a mine and sank.

Balkan Situation. So far as the Balkans are concerned, interest centres in the raid by Bulgarian irregulars into Serbia, which has been successfully countered. As usual, recriminations are being indulged in, the Serbians charging that the raiders were led by Bulgarian, Austrian or German officers, while the Bulgarians reply that the outbreak was the result of the Serbian administration of that portion of Macedonia, which is largely inhabited by Bulgarians. It is expected here that the matter will be settled by Bulgaria promising to punish those responsible for the raid, if it is proved that they actually organized the operation on Bulgarian soil.

The question of the prohibition of alcoholic liquors for the period of the war was discussed from the pulpits throughout the country today, the preachers urging that the example of the King and the cabinet ministers should be followed, and that the use of alcoholics should be countenanced given up.

A meeting of the Labor party at Norwich, on the other hand, strongly protested against the accusation that the output of war munitions was being delayed by drinking among the men.

FOUND FEELING STRONG AGAINST AMERICANS

VON BUELOW'S NEW SCHEME TO BUY OFF ITALY

U. S. Army Observers With German Armies Have Been Called Home. Territory Austria Might Cede as Price of Italy's Neutrality Should be Occupied by Switzerland Until War Ends.

Washington, April 4.—The five American army officers on duty as military observers with German armies have been ordered home, and their places will not be taken by other officers. The reason assigned by Secretary of War Garrison for the recall order was that their mission had been fulfilled. This explanation, it was announced, would be the war department's last word on the matter. It is known, however, that other reasons, largely of a personal character, were considered by army officials in determining to withdraw the observers.

The American officers, it is said, have found their position somewhat difficult because of the high tension to which at least a few of those with whom they must come in contact in Germany have been strung by months of warfare and press reports in Germany criticizing the attitude of the United States on various subjects relating to the war.

So far as is known, the withdrawal of American military observers with other European armies is not contemplated.

SACKVILLE MAN DIES OF WOUNDS

Ottawa, April 4.—The casualty list issued by the Militia Department tonight includes, among those who died from wounds, the name of Private Joseph Loretti, formerly of the 12th Battalion. Next of kin is Miss B. Dalton of Sackville, N. B.

CLIMB MOUNTAIN PEAK AND PRAY FOR PEACE

Riverside, Cal., April 4.—More than 15,000 men and women climbed Mount Roundwood, the highest nearby peak, before dawn today, knelt at the foot of a huge cross surrounding its crest, and prayed for peace.