

GREECE, MORE OPTIMISTIC OVER ALLIED EXPEDITION IN BALKANS, MAY YET JOIN ENTENTE POWERS

Arrival of Large Forces of British at Saloniki Beginning to Turn Tide of Sentiment in Government Circles Towards Allies, Know Now Whole Burden of Fighting Invaders Will Not be Left to Greeks and Serbs -- Heavy Fighting Between Gradiko and Veles With Reinforcements On The Way to Strengthen Right Wing of Anglo-French Army.

SERBIAN ARMY STRONGLY ENTRENCHED IN MOUNTAIN POSITIONS DEFIES INVADERS

New York, Nov. 11.—A news agency despatch from London published here today says:

"Greece, may, after all, go to Serbia's aid against the Bulgarians, according to a delayed message received by the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens today.

"Arrival at Saloniki of large forces of British troops have convinced the Greek government of the Allies determination to fight the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians effectively, and that is given as the reason for this change in the outlook.

"Greece would not at any time have been so unwilling to enter the war, the correspondent says, if it had not feared that the Balkan campaign on the Greeks and Serbians. Satisfied that this will not be the case, Greece is looking more favorably on the idea of plunging into the struggle as an ally of the Entente Powers.

"The situation is referred to as still complicated and a source of deep anxiety to the government however."

Bulletin—London, Nov. 12, 5 a. m.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Athens says a decree has been issued dissolving the chamber of deputies and that the new elections have been fixed for December 19.

ROUMANIA AND GREECE WOULD JOIN IF RUSSIA SENDS 200,000 TO SERBIA.

London, Nov. 12.—The Times' correspondent, telegraphing from Bucharest expresses the opinion that if Russia could send into the Serbian campaign a force of 200,000 men while the French and British troops are landing on the Aegean coast, the hesitation which prevails in certain quarters in Roumania would be dissipated, and both Roumania and Greece would throw in their lots with the Entente Allies.

"In this event," says the correspondent, "Roumania could fall on Bulgaria in the rear with 200,000 men, and simultaneously attack the German front with 400,000 men. Roumania feels safe in the Carpathian passes, which she regards as impregnable. The scene of action in such a case would probably be eastern Bulgaria or Thrace, where Field Marshal Von Der Goltz's army is assembled but lacks munitions."

The distance of the Entente Allies' naval base from the scene of the hostilities in Serbia and the necessity for guarding the long line of communications in a difficult country and in the face of a hostile population are regarded by the correspondent as rendering a northward march from Saloniki inadvisable. The concentration of forces farther east is held by the correspondent to be imposed by military conditions.

Serbian Army Still Intact.

London, Nov. 11.—There has been no material change in the last 24 hours in the situation, either in Serbia or in the other fronts. The Austro-Germans claim to be advancing along the line west of Nish, but beyond the report of the capture of another 4,000 prisoners, which the Serbians say, like those reported captured previously, were largely civilians or Albanians or Macedonian troops, who surrendered easily, the official reports of the invaders do not record the capture of any town.

In fact, the Serbians are now facing the invaders in the mountains which have proved a protection to them in their previous wars, and they may be expected to make the advance of the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians a matter of some difficulty. It is also probable that the opposition the Austrians are meeting in their efforts to drive back the Montenegrins in delaying Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army, for the right wing must be free from this menace before they proceed with their drive.

The news from the southern part of the country is very conflicting. It is now known that the French did not raid into the town of Veles, destroying the Bulgarian ammunition stores. The French, however, are advancing on the west side of the Vardar river, and at the same time are repelling Bulgarian attacks on Krivolak, and endeavoring to form a junction with the Serbians who are fighting in the Babuna pass.

Kitchener on Scene Soon.

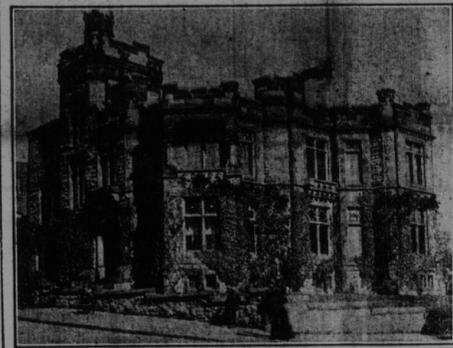
A new British division having landed the force which is to be under command of General Sir Charles Carmichael Monro is spreading out toward Strumitza where encounters with Bulgarian patrols are reported.

With the arrival of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, who should soon be on the scene, a further development in the campaign is expected, and it is possible that the Gallipoli army will become more active.

So long as the Serbian army remains intact, which it has done thus

The Handsome Home Of The Soldiers' Club

Caverhill Hall, former residence of Simeon Jones, has been given over to use of soldiers stationed here—Refreshments and home cooking on sale.



THE SOLDIERS' CLUB.

Caverhill Hall, the handsome building at the corner of Sydney and Mocklenburg streets, which was formally opened last Tuesday evening as a Soldiers' Club, is an ideal structure for the purposes in view. Although it had been closed for residential purposes for about three years there is no sign of disuse and in a remarkably short space of time it has been made comfortable and in every way suitable for the requirements of the soldiers who may from time to time be located in St. John. The ladies of the Women's Canadian Club, the I.O.D.E., and kindred organizations have been untiring in their efforts to furnish and equip the building with the result that the men are delighted with what has been done to make them feel at home whilst they remain in the city.

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SIR SAM HUGHES COMING NEXT WEEK TO INSPECT THE 104th

MINISTER OF MILITIA HAS HEARD GLOWING REPORTS OF COL. FOWLER'S BATTALION AND WANTS TO SEE THEM—ENTHUSIASTIC OVER SPLENDID WORK COL. FOWLER HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Nov. 11.—After the funeral of Sir Charles Tupper at Halifax General Sir Sam Hughes will go to St. John to look over the new regiment raised by Col. George Fowler, M. P. The minister of militia tonight talked enthusiastically of the splendid recruiting work done by Mr. Fowler in

APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF SIR ROBT. BORDEN AND GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 11.—The Menonite Brethren Conference of North America meeting at Winkler, Man., sent a message of greetings to Sir Robert Borden and expressed appreciation of his generous treatment received from the government.

NO CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MACHINE GUNS REQUIRED PREMIER LORDEN SAYS

SPECIAL TO THE STANDARD.
Ottawa, Nov. 11.—The following statement was issued today by the Prime Minister:

"The government desires it to be understood throughout the country that no subscriptions or contributions for machine guns are required, as all expenditure for that purpose should be defrayed out of the public treasury.

"The impression seems to have gained ground that an appeal for such contributions from the public was made by some member of the government. The Prime Minister has made careful enquiry and cannot ascertain that any such request was ever put forward.

"Appeals must necessarily be made to the generosity of the people of Canada for aid to the Patriotic Fund, the Canadian Red Cross Society and other similar organizations which are performing a national service.

"It is earnestly hoped that the efforts of the various committees in Canada will be directed to necessary assistance for such associations rather than to contributions for machine guns which have been amply provided for by the federal government."

PERMANENT ROADS FOR THIS PROVINCE

Progressive Policy in Regard to Roadwork in New Brunswick Decided on by Provincial Government.

Fredericton, Nov. 11.—The policy of the Provincial Government for permanent roads for New Brunswick will be outlined within a short time.

Announcement was made this morning by Hon. John Morrissey, Minister of Public Works, that the appointment of Mr. John F. Feehey, of this city, as road engineer, had been made permanent and that Mr. Feehey would continue in his position.

It was also stated that the government had determined to carry on a vigorous policy for providing permanent roads for New Brunswick. This policy will soon be outlined and a series of public meetings will be held at which the advantages of permanent roads will be explained in a complete and comprehensive manner by experienced public speakers.

It is also planned to hold a series of conferences of officials of the road division of the Public Works Department in various counties at which they will be instructed as to the operation of the new policy and will have their duties thoroughly explained to them. Mr. Feehey was provisionally appointed several months ago with the understanding that if the plans then maturing were put into operation and he made good in the meantime, his position would be made a permanent one. It is expected that complete details of the policy will be announced within a short time.

TRIBUTE TO SIR CHAS. TUPPER

Amherst, N. S., Nov. 11.—The public schools of Amherst today paid their tribute to the memory of Sir Charles Tupper, when suitable memorial services were held in the assembly hall of each of the schools. The speakers were principally clergymen of various denominations and the services were largely attended.

London, Ont., Clearings

London, Ont., Nov. 11.—The bank clearings for the week ended today were \$1,529,986, as compared with \$1,618,152 for the corresponding week last year.

RUSSIAN TROOPS MAKE LANDING IN ROUMANIA?

Bulletin—London, Nov. 12.—A despatch to the Daily Express from Geneva says a message received there from Bucharest states that the Russians have ascended the Danube river and

CONSCRIPTION UNLESS MEN COME MORE QUICKLY

Lord Derby Gives Eligible Men Last Chance to Enlist Voluntarily and Avoid Compulsory Service

House of Commons Agrees to Credit Vote of \$2,000,000,000 Asked by Premier Asquith—Bitter Attacks on Military Leaders by Nationalist Member—Balfour Reviews Progress in Building Up of Aerial Fleet.

London, Nov. 11.—A strong intimation of compulsion at an early date is contained in a statement tonight by the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting. This statement is made, Lord Derby declares, with the authority of the prime minister it says:

"If young men, medically fit, and not indispensable in any business of national importance, or any business conducted for the general good of the community do not come forward voluntarily before Nov. 30 the government will, after that date, take the necessary steps to redeem the pledge made on Nov. 2."

On that date referred to Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons that if young men did not come forward voluntarily and enlist "other and compulsory means would be taken before married men were called upon to fill their engagement to serve."

Lord Derby adds: "Whether a man is indispensable or not to his business will be decided, not by the man or his employer, but by competent authorities and tribunals, which are being set up to consider such cases."

London, Nov. 11.—In the House of Commons today Premier Asquith asked for another vote of credit of \$2,000,000,000.

The New War Council Announced.

Great Britain's new war committee of the cabinet, during the temporary absence of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, it was officially announced today, will consist of Premier Asquith, Arthur J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty; David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions; Andrew Bonar Law, secretary for the colonies, and Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer.

Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, told the House of Commons this afternoon that he himself had expressed a desire to resign at the time Viscount Haldane left the cabinet. "But for a crisis in the public affairs I would have done so," said the foreign secretary.

Sir Edward declared he regarded Lord Haldane's resignation as a loss to the public service. He said he regretted there had been no opportunity to utilize Viscount Haldane's services in the foreign office.

When the new coalition cabinet was formed, last May, Viscount Haldane was succeeded as lord high chancellor by Baron Buckmaster of Cheddington. Premier Asquith, answering similar questions also paid a word of tribute to Viscount Haldane, saying: "He rendered an inestimable service when in the war office."

Churchill Vindicated When Full Story of Antwerp Affair is Told.

Replying to a request to lay the papers on the table respecting the Antwerp expedition, Premier Asquith declined to do so, while the war was in progress. He added: "Mr. Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, may treat with indifference the allegations against him. He has a good record and will be amply

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