

EXTRAORDINARY INTERVIEW WITH GREGIAN KING. Constantine Talks Frankly About Politics to American Correspondent. GREEK NEUTRALITY TRIED BY ALLIES. They Refuse to Believe His Personal Word That They Will Not be Attacked. Shows Knowledge of American Geography in References to Canada.

Athens, Dec. 4, via Malta and London, December 7.—Constantine I, king of Greece received the correspondent of the Associated Press today and gave him a message for America on the attitude which Greece has assumed in the world war and the reasons for the policy which has been followed by the Greek government.

WARNS AMERICA. "America is protected from immediate danger by the distance which separates her from the battlefield. We too, thought that once. But the battlefield shifted and may shift again. What is happening in Greece to-day may happen in America, Holland or any neutral country to-morrow, if the precedent now sought to be established in the case of Greece is once fixed."

DENIES TREACHERY. The fundamental cause of the entire threatening attitude of the entente powers toward Greece to-day and of the painful situation in which Greece finds herself, is the entente's own assumption, without the slightest reason therefore, that Greece is ready to betray the entente to Germany at the first favorable opportunity. It is reasonable to suppose such a thing.

ADMITS ASSURANCES. "But has not Your Majesty German assurance that the integrity of Greece territory will be respected?" the king was asked. "Of course, and entente assurance also."

Peace Appeal is Now Futile

London, Dec. 7 (In Montreal Gazette)—The Pope's appeal for speedy peace at yesterday's consistory is recognized by leading English Catholics as utterly futile. They describe it as an admiral coup d'epée dans la peau.

RAILROAD IS OPENED IN HOLY LAND

Formally Delivered to Turkish Governor by German Engineer. Cologne, Germany, Dec. 7.—The Cologne correspondent at Jaffa, writing under date of November 30th, describes the opening of a railway from Jerusalem to Beersheba, fifty miles in length. Special trains arrived from Damascus and Jerusalem, bringing great crowds to attend the opening ceremonies.

DISPUTES VENEZUELOS. "Then your majesty does not believe that the entente policy of the former premier, M. Venizelos, really expressed the will of the Greek people?" "I know it did not," replied the king.

DENIES CONSENT. "Another thing I want to make clear: it is said that M. Venizelos, with my consent, invited the allied troops to Saloniki. Nothing could be further from the truth. M. Venizelos may have expressed the personal opinion that if the allied troops landed at Saloniki, Greece would not resist, but he never consented to M. Venizelos ever, as the responsible head of the Greek government, formally invited foreign troops to enter Greek territory is wholly untrue."

HIS PROPOSAL. "If the entente will assure me that when they are driven back into Greek territory they will consider the Balkan game ended, re-embark and leave Greece, I will guarantee with my whole army to protect their retreat against the Germans, Bulgarians, or anybody else and give them time to embark without being endangered. Then I would be legitimately protecting my frontiers, and it would not involve Greece in further risks. More I cannot do."

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Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed

DUFFERIN SCHOOL—DIVISION SEVEN



TOP ROW.—Fred Wilson, Alfred Hamel, Cliff Rowcliffe, George Hayes, Harvey Davies, Violet Mulloy, Benrice Wilkitts, Florence Bell, Rose Houslander, Jennie Jones, Lillie Hayes, Flo. Archer, Esther Meadowcroft, Charlie Uren.

PARIS GREETED ANOTHER HERO HOME FROM WAR

Pte. N. Larin Received a Cheery Reception Last Night Although There Was Only an Hours Notice of Arrival.

Pte. Larin, Paris, who was severely wounded in France last summer, returned home last evening, and although there was less than an hour's notice of his return, there was a very large crowd at the Grand Trunk station to meet him.

BIG FIRE IN ST. CATHARINES; MILLING COMPANY WIPED OUT

Between Three and Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Worth of Damage Done by Blaze of Mysterious Origin.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 7.—Between three and four hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was wiped out here this morning when fire completely destroyed the Maple Leaf Milling Company's flour mill.

Men Home From War

List of Brantford Heroes Who Have Returned From the Front. Joseph Robinson, 129 Cayuga. Edward Hibborn, 49 Emily. Percy Guy, 207 Nelson.

Germans in Mesopotamia

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 7, via Paris.—The Germans are preparing on a large scale for operations in Mesopotamia under Field Marshal Baron Koller. Von Der Goltz, who, has just been appointed commander of the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia, according to private information received by the Journal de Geneve.

FATHER WRITES

Pictures Saved Life of Pte. Precious.

The following are two letters from Pte. Wm. Precious, who lives at 79 Arthur St., and who, with his son, is at the front, the latter having been wounded.

TWENTY-ONE MEN ENLISTED YESTERDAY

Splendid Response is Being Made to Call to Fill Ranks of the 125th. Another large squad of recruits were sworn in this morning after their medical examination of yesterday.

RECRUITING RALLIES

For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows: AT CAINSVILLE Wednesday, Dec. 8.

PARLIAMENT WILL INQUIRE INTO FAILURES

Disasters at Bagdad, Loos and Suvla Bay to be Inquired Into.

SOME GENERALS TO BE "SCRAPPED"

Lack of Men in the Field While Thousands Are Held at Bases.

Vast Array of Fighting Men Should be Under One Control.

New York, Dec. 7.—A cable to The Herald from London this morning says: Responsibility for the repulse in Mesopotamia, where the British forces, overwhelmingly outnumbered, were driven back by the Turks a hundred miles from Bagdad; the disaster at Loos, where the British on the 11th of October were not ready for the tragedy at Suvla Bay, where the Anzacs were mowed down because the gallant landing parties, it is alleged were not covered by the protecting fire of the warships and a lack of troops in the Balkans where the Serbs have been crushed by the enemy, will be the subjects of questions in parliament this week.

"EATING THEIR HEADS OFF"

I know personally that England is full of officers and soldiers eager for fight, that hundreds of thousands of trained men are held at the bases, where they are "eating their heads off," and yet General Townshend has been compelled to retire before an overwhelming force of Turks, and Generals Sarraill and Mahon are hampered by a lack of reinforcements in Serbia.

BRITAIN MUST WAKE UP

With Greece wobbling because she fears to cast her lot with the powers, which have shown a lamentable lack of initiative; with Roumania over-eager to join the forces of the Entente...

Women Being Freed.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Turkey's participation in the war is bringing a greater degree of freedom to the Turkish women. The Turkish ministry of posts, telegraphs and telephones announces that women are to be employed in the money-order departments of the post offices. They must be not less than seventeen years old and unmarried. The pay is about \$16 monthly. Damascus reports the opening of a girls' school.