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BIG ALLIED MOVEMENT TO PROTECT SERBIA IS UNDER WAY

85 Hundred Prisoners Taken By Russians in Success at Semikovice

UNITED STATES "CANNOT SUBMIT" TO BRITISH BLOCKADE

MANY CAPTIVES TAKEN BY CZAR IN SWIFT BLOW

Dashing Operation on Stripa River Crowned With Complete Success.

WINS NEAR RIGA, TOO

Over Nine Thousand German and Austrian Prisoners Taken in Two Fights.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 7.—Eight thousand five hundred prisoners, in addition to officers, were taken by the Russians, as a result of a surprise attack on the enemy near Semikovitze, on the Stripa River, which produced extremely desperate fighting and ended in accordance with the Russians' plans, the war office announced here last night. The operations were conducted by fierce frontal attacks and the crossing of the Stripa River. Many machine-guns were captured. The Russian troops encountered much difficulty in sencing the great number of Austrian and German captives to the rear across the Stripa River and Lake Ischkuve, which the Russians had also crossed to attack the enemy.

The Russians also took 712 Germans and 22 officers prisoner and captured seven machine guns and two cannon in a fight near Kostioukhova, west of Rafalovka, and drove the enemy, who

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ADVANCE POSTS LOST BY ENEMY

French Make Successful Coup Before Andrechy—Bombard Foe's Defences.

FIGHTS IN CHAMPAGNE

Bomb Throwing and Artillery Duels Feature of Day's Operations.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

PARIS, Nov. 7.—German advance posts before Andrechy, between the Somme and Oise Rivers, were captured by French infantry today, the French War Office announced. Activity of the enemy in the sector of Beaurivages was checked by a curtain of fire. North of the Aisne, French batteries concentrated their fire on the German defence works in the Vingre region, and on German cantonments in the Nouvron wood and at Commelancourt "with particular effect," the French War Office says.

Fighting in Champagne is at close quarters, an engagement with grenades being reported, with the repulse of the Germans east of the knoll of Le Mesnil. A reciprocal bombardment with shells of large calibre also took place in the district lying between Tahure and Hill 199. Later the violence of the artillery engagement was centred in the neighborhood of Tahure. In Artois there was also an artillery duel of great intensity in the Givenchy wood and at Beaurivages.

Mine Throwing in Vosges.

Fighting was commenced by the Germans with mine throwers at La Chapelotte, in the Vosges, Saturday night, and continued during the day, the French artillery effectively checking the mine throwing. Trench guns were also brought into play in this district and at Violu, north of Col du Bonhomme.

Violent cannonades are reported from the wood of Le Pretre.

Intense fighting with trench mortars is reported from Hotsas and Boesinghe, in Belgium.

A German sap with workmen was blown up with a French mine at Hill 235, in the Argonne.

Eight bombs were dropped in the region of Dunkirk by German aeroplanes, and a small boy was injured. Significant material damage was done.

The Belgian War Office reported tonight that the German artillery has become almost inactive. Belgian guns dispersed military pioneers north of Dixmude and near Drei Grachten.

GERMAN SUBMARINE INTERNED BY DUTCH

Crew of U-Eight Will Have to Remain Inactive During War.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The Amsterdam correspondent of The Exchange Telegram Company says that a German submarine which stranded near Terschelling has been interned with its crew, by the Dutch Government.

The submarine referred to is evidently the U-8, which was reported to have been towed into a Dutch port several days ago.

LOSSES OF BULGARIANS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND

Serbian Legation at Paris Makes Estimate of Bulgar Casualties.

PARIS, Nov. 7.—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency, dated Nov. 5, says that an official statement issued by the Serbian legation estimates the Bulgarian losses in killed and wounded up to the present, at 100,000.

NEW LEADER IN GREECE LEANING TOWARD ALLIES

All Members of Old Cabinet Except Zaimis in New Ministry.

CRISIS IS POSTPONED

Skouloudis Reputed to Be Favorably Disposed Toward Quadruple Entente.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—M. Skouloudis, the Greek premier, has declared his intention of observing an attitude of very benevolent neutrality toward the entente powers.

ATHENS, Nov. 7.—M. Skouloudis, commissioned by King Constantine to form a new cabinet, has accomplished the task. All the members of the Zaimis ministry are retained except the premier himself. The new prime minister has taken the portfolio of foreign affairs. The formation of the new cabinet, it is generally assumed, will delay if not eliminate the crisis which probably would follow a dissolution of the chamber of deputies by the king.

It is believed in political circles that the chamber probably will be prorogued in ten days, as it then will have sat for the legal term of three months. M. Venizelos and his followers are expected to approve this solution of the problem, which will make it possible to avoid dissolution and elections, the result of which would be uncertain

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MOST IRISH IMMIGRANTS CAME FROM CONNAUGHT

Those Shipped From Liverpool Mainly Farmers' Sons, Dublin Believes.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—A Dublin despatch to The Times, referring to the stoppage by the Cunard Steamship Co. of intending emigrants of military age, says that the young men thus prevented from sailing were for the most part farmers' sons and that the chief exodus has been from the Province of Connaught, Ireland, which has now in the army the lowest percentagee of all the Irish provinces.

"There is probably no truth," says th correspondent, "in the suggestion that any of these men received assis ance from German sources in America."

THE FUR SEASON IN FULL SWING

The W. & D. Dineen Co., Limited, 140 Yonge street, report a wonderful season for furs. People are anticipating a long, cold winter, and are making preparations to safeguard themselves from cold and discomfort. The wonderful display of furs for men, women and children at Dineen's never fails to elicit exclamations of approval and delight, as the rich fur coats and sets are examined in the luxurious display rooms. The Dineen Co. were fortunate in securing a complete supply of raw furs before the prices advanced, and are giving the people the benefit of price-savings that they are able to make. Come in today and see the display. Anticipate your Christmas buying while stocks are complete and prices are low.

BRITAIN CURBS TRADE UNDULY SAYS U. S. NOTE

Washington Declares It Cannot Submit to Continuance of Blockade.

CHAMPION OF NEUTRALS

Britain's Course is Described as "Ineffective, Illegal and Indefensible."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7.—The United States in its latest note to Great Britain, made public here today, covering exhaustively British interference with American trade since the beginning of the European war, declares that the so-called blockade instituted by the allies against enemy countries, on March 11, is "ineffective, illegal and indefensible." Notice is served that the American Government "cannot submit to the curtailment of its neutral rights," and it cannot "with complacence suffer further subordination of its rights and interests."

Ambassador Page, to whom the note was sent by special messenger for delivery to the London foreign office, was instructed by Secretary Lansing "to impress most earnestly" upon the British Government that the United States "must insist that the relations between it and his majesty's government be governed, not by a policy of expediency, but by those established rules of international conduct to which Great Britain in the past has held the United States to account when the latter nation was a belligerent engaged in a struggle for national existence."

Champions Neutral Rights.

Declaring the United States "unhesitatingly assumes" the task of championing the intergrity of neutral rights, the note proclaims that the

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ARCHBISHOP DECLARES CANADA IS DECADENT

Inconceivable Audacity Shown in Bleeding of Public Treasury.

MONTREAL, Nov. 7.—Archbishop Bruchesi in a pastoral letter on "Justice," which was read in a number of Catholic churches in Montreal today, expresses regret that "the lone virtue of justice no longer holds that place in the bosom of our Canadian social world which essentially belongs to it." Further he says:

"What can we say about the impudence, the inconceivable audacity, the very cynicism with which the public treasury is bled—in a manner that none would ever dream of attempting in regard to a private individual?" This he regards as a symptom of national decadence.

DESPERATE MURDERER CORNERED BY POLICE

EDMONTON, Nov. 7.Ott Bushner, the Ft. McMurray self-confessed double murderer, shot and killed himself while resisting arrest Friday afternoon at Cache 20, on the A. & G. W. railway, near Lac La Biche. Letters found on Bushner's body, addressed to his wife, contained the confession that he not only murdered H. J. McColley, sheriff's bailiff at Ft. McMurray, but also a man named Reis.

IT'S OVER YOUR HEAD!

Tonight "The Rose-Red-Runway" will be the calcium light at the Alexandra Theatre, when Al Jolson, the world's greatest entertainer, and his companions make merry in "Dancing Around," the New York Winter Garden's terpsichorean triumph. New and piquant pranks upon the illuminated surface of the elevated runway are promised, and a fashion parade of 50 gorgeously gowned, perfectly formed models will take place at every performance. Al Jolson will also use the runway as a point of vantage from which to sing his numerous songs and tell his uproariously funny stories. In fact, there is seldom a moment during the three hours of "Dancing Around" when the famous runway is not occupied by show girls, dancers, comedians or athletic young men of the chorus. But eight performances of the big New York Winter Garden musical extravaganza will be given in Toronto, two of which will be matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, and the sea sale at the Alexandra Theatre indicates a splendid week's business. Surrounding the star, Al Jolson, will be found such well-known entertainers as Frank Carter, Kitty Doner, Lawrance D'Orsay, Mildred Elaine, Wanda Lyon, Harry Clarke, Rae Bowdin, Edith Day, May Dealy, N. Murray Stephen, Jack Carlton, Harry Wardell, Harry Wilcox and dozens of dainty dimpled divinities.

LORD KITCHENER GIVEN GREAT FORCES TO PRESS BIG CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS

Kitchener Will Visit Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Dardanelles.

HE HAS NOT RESIGNED

London Globe, Which Said He Had, Seized by the Police.

PARIS, Nov. 7.—Lord Kitchener, British secretary of war, before leaving for the near east, conferred with Premier Briand, Minister of War Gallieni and Gen. Joffre.

This despatch contains the first hint of the route taken by which Lord Kitchener is proceeding to the Orient. It apparently bears out the report in London that his mission includes an effort to co-ordinate the work of the general staffs of the allied armies.

LONDON, Nov. 7. — "Lord Kitchener, at the request of his colleagues, has left England for a short visit to the eastern theatre of war."

This announcement, made Saturday night, after a cabinet council—an unusual meeting for Saturday—and a long audience which Premier Asquith had with the King, set at rest the rumors current as to the war secretary's present intentions.

Later an additional official statement was issued as follows:

"The statement that Earl Kitchener has resigned his post as secretary of state for war has already been authoritatively denied. It is equally untrue to suggest that Earl Kitchener has tendered his resignation, or that his visit to the King had any relation to any such subject, or that his visit to the eastern theatre of war in any way betokens that such resignation is contemplated.

"On the contrary, this visit is undertaken by him in discharge of his duty as secretary of state for war, which duty he has no intention of abandoning."

Almost simultaneously with the announcement of Lord Kitchener's proposed visit to the east, the authorities seized the printing plant of The London Globe, together with the issues of yesterday and today. This is the first action of the kind taken by the authorities since the outbreak of the war, against a daily paper in the United Kingdom. Some weekly papers, both in England and in Ireland, including The Labor Leader,

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LABOR SUPPLIES MANY RECRUITS

Big Demonstration in London Yesterday Proved a Splendid Success.

SUPPORT LORD DERBY

Resolutions Reaffirm Belief That Voluntary System Will Be Saved.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A remarkable demonstration in furtherance of Lord Derby's recruiting campaign was held in Trafalgar square today by the trades unions of London. As a result a large number of young men enlisted. With the exception of the Clapham branch of the Independent Labor party, which declined to participate, all the unions of London sent representatives, and an immense crowd gathered in the square.

Resolutions adopted at the meeting reaffirmed lavors' conviction that the volunteer system of enlistment would meet the needs of the country, and pledged devoted support to Lord Derby's campaign, "in order to bring the war to a successful issue and to prevent the establishment in this country of the conscriptionist military and naval systems."

TWO HUNDRED IRISHMEN SAILED FROM GLASGOW

GLASGOW, Nov. 7.—About 200 Irishmen, eligible for military service, sailed Saturday by the Anchor line steamer California for New York. The most strenuous efforts of seven recruiting sergeants, who were authorized to promise a refund of their fares to those who enlisted, resulted in the enlistment of only two men.

The public was not allowed on the quay and there was no demonstration.

THOUSAND BULGARIANS CAUGHT AND KILLED IN MOUNTAIN PASS

Serbs Hold Firm and All Attacks by the Enemy Have Been Repulsed.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—A division of 25,000 Bulgarians is attempting to envelop the French force in the Vlandovi region, according to information from Bulgarian soldiers obtained by a Greek outpost in the Belasica mountains, at the junction of the Greek, Serbian and Bulgarian frontiers, says a Reuter's despatch from Saloniki. Heavy artillery and rifle fire has been heard at the outpost station.

A Serbian official is quoted as declaring the Serbs are holding firm at Babuna Pass, where all Bulgarian onslaughts have been repulsed. The pass is said to be piled deep with Bulgarian dead. At one point more than 1000 Bulgarians were caught between a crossfire and annihilated.

An important British contingent was landed Saturday at Saloniki, where additional landing facilities have been granted the allies after negotiations with the Greek authorities.

HIGH PRICES OF FOOD EVOKE GERMAN SOCIALIST PROTESTS

Rise in Foodstuffs Declared Unbearable in Pronunciamento in Vorwaerts, and Laboring Classes Look on Approaching Winter With Anxious Fears.

BERLIN, Nov. 7, via London.—The Vorwaerts, organ of the German Social Democratic party, purchases a large column pronunciamento from the executive committee of the Social Democratic party, declaring that the government measure thus far for the regulation of the food supplies and prices are only half measures. It demands the adjusting of prices of foodstuffs so as to eliminate war profits, both wholesale and retail.

The pronunciamento begins as follows:

"The rise in the prices of foodstuffs has become unbearable. The prices of all important provisions and other articles of daily necessity, such as fuel, clothing and footwear, have reached en exorbitant height. With anxious fears the people of the laboring class and up to the circles of the middle classes look forward to approaching winter. Already bitter want rules in many families. Must there be so much selfish lust for gain and capitalistic greed of profits rage unrestrainedly in the unreined free play of forces? Must millions be in want so that those shameless producers and dealers who coolly take advantage of war conditions can enrich themselves at the nation's cost

The pronunciamento answers the foregoing questions in the negative. It says that the foodstuffs on hand are adequate, but they must be rightly distributed. The prices for swine just established, it claims, are too high and beef prices are not regulated.

The committee demands in addition to the fixing of prices for other foodstuffs also "a distribution of the foodstuffs on hand in ekual rations among all the empire's inhabitants, as is done with bread, in order to avoid preferential treatment of the rich who are able to pay."

MONTENEGRINS TAKE BOOTY IN REPULSING AUSTRIANS

ROME, via Paris, Nov. 7.—The following official communication to the Montenegrin consulate here was received today:

"Cettinje, Nov. 7.—The battle near Grahovo in Herzegovina continued with great fury all day Nov. 5, until evening. The enemy made several attacks in an endeavor to capture our positions, but he not only failed but was repulsed with heavy losses by our brave soldiers.

"During the fighting on the Herzegovina front we have taken four field guns, four machine guns, three telephones, a searchlight, seventy horses, 100 rifles, 100,000 cartridges, and two officers and 40 soldiers.

"The army operating in the Sanjak has taken four field guns, three machine guns, 600 rifles, 700 tools and a quantity of munitions, and in addition has captured six officers, three surgeons and 300 soldiers.

"On the rest of the front the artillery struggle is developing."

HEAVY AND CONTINUOUS RAINS CHECK ACTIVITY OF CANADIANS

Creeks and Streams Swollen Into Small Rivers in Flanders—Canadian Artillery Answers Germans Effectively —Bravery of Three Officers Wins Reward.

OTTAWA, Nov. 7.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes tonight received the following despatch from the Canadian general representative in France:

CANADIAN GENERAL HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Nov. 7.—The period from Oct. 30 to Nov. 5 has been marked by the fall of heavy rains. Creeks and streams have swollen into small rivers and low lying grass has been converted into swamp. The wet weather and conditions generally have resulted in a week almost devoid of incident.

At times the enemy artillery has shelled certain sections of our area more or less vigorously, but in most instances prompt retaliation by our artillery has silenced the hostile fire.

On Oct. 29 a shell from our artillery exploded a bomb depot in the German front trench.

Trenches Inundated.

All reports indicate that the enemy working parties have been particularly busy repairing damage to their trenches caused by the heavy rains and are bailing out the water.

On several occasions, hostile parties have been disturbed by our fire. A few enemy patrols have ventured out

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Movement of Troops Thru Saloniki is Attaining Great Dimensions.

HOPE TO SAVE SERBIA

French Follow Up Successes —Capture of Nish by Enemy Confirmed.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—Hope that the situation in Serbia can be saved has been strongly revived by the departure for the east of Lord Kitchener after conferences in Paris with Premier Briand, Gen. Gallieni, the war minister, and Gen. Joffre. It is believed the campaign is to be carried on energetically by the man who knows the east better than almost anyone else.

Advices from Saloniki and other points today show that much larger forces than were thought to be near the scene are being landed at Saloniki and are proceeding to points where it is believed they can do the most good. Troop trains are continually leaving Saloniki, but so much secrecy is being maintained that it is impossible to compute the number of men.

Greeks and Allies.

A despatch from Athens says that by agreement with local authorities, the entente allies will construct a jetty and make a new road at Saloniki to facilitate communication between the wharves and the railroad terminus. The authorities also have given the entente allies permission to use part of the wharves to land troops when the wharves are not used for Greek transports.

One report says that an Anglo-Italian army has landed at Valona (Avlona) on the Adriatic, with the purpose of crossing Albania. The Russians are still concentrating in Bessarabia, to be prepared to make a descent on Bulgaria from the east.

Progress by French.

An official statement issued at Paris concerning the army of the east says:

"The day was calm on Nov. 5. There is nothing to report regarding our advance from Krivolak. On the front of the Crena River we continued our progress on the Rabrovo side.

"There was no infantry action during the day of Nov. 6 toward

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BULGARS PRESS SERBIANS HARD

Claim Made That Serbs Are Retreating Along Entire Front.

OFFENSIVE VIGOROUS

Sofia Would Make It Appear Great Success Has Been Gained.

SOFIA (via London), Nov. 7.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Along the entire front we are pursuing the defeated enemy, who is precipitately retreating. Our troops operating north of the Nisava River have approached the Morava Valley and established near Paracin direct communication with the German troops, who are advancing from the north.

"At 3 o'clock in the afternoon we captured Nish. We are quickly pursuing the retreating enemy.

"Our troops advancing in the valley of the Bulgarian Morava have penetrated the Leskowacz plain. Our offensive on the Kossovo plain is progressing along the entire front.

"Near Prilep, Krivolak and Strumitza we arrested the offensive of the English and French, and repulsed them with considerable enemy losses. We captured many prisoners and vast quantities of war material of all kinds."

HAMBURG STEAMER CAPTURED IN BALTIC

Frascati Reported to Have Been Taken to Raumo, Finland.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Nov. 7.—The Telegraaf's Delfzyl correspondent reports that the steamer Frascati of Hamburg has been captured in the Baltic Sea and taken to Raumo, Finland.