

GREECE GIVEN TWO DAYS TO MEET DEMANDS

RUSSIANS OPENING GREAT RIGA OFFENSIVE :: FOOD CONDITIONS OF GERMANY IS NOW DESPERATE :: BALKAN SITUATION HAD ROUSED BRITAIN :: SOCIALISTS OF GERMANY NOW DEMAND PEACE

RUSSIANS PLAN BIG OFFENSIVE IN RIGA SECTOR

Backed by Large Reserves, Czar's Men Will Launch Grand Attack.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING THERE

Hand-to-Hand Struggle Over Blood-Stained Snow Reported by Germans.

ATTACKS ARE RESUMED

Germans Admit Heavy Drives Against Positions, Though Claiming Repulses.

London, Jan. 8.—The Russians are preparing to launch a great new offensive in the Riga sector, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, quoting German newspaper correspondents on the eastern front. The Russian troops are said to be equipped with great quantities of munitions and backed by large reserves. Near Mitau and south of Riga the artillery fire is reported to have constantly increased on both sides during the last few days, and to have now become extremely violent. The weather is frosty and clear, and the country covered with snow. The correspondent of the Tagliche Rundschau says that the Russians attempted a surprise attack on Sunday near the Riga bridgehead. Great masses of the attackers, with white shirts over their uniforms, succeeded during a violent snowstorm in entering the German trenches on a front of a thousand meters. The correspondent says that evidently an attempt was being made to break through the road between Mitau and Riga. The Germans, seeing the danger, sent all available reserves into the battle, which reached a pitch of tremendous fury. The two armies fought with bombs and bayonets until sundown, when, according to the correspondent, the Russians retreated to their previous positions over snow that had been hardened with blood.

OFFENSIVE HURLED BACK.

Petrograd, Jan. 9.—German troops on the northern end of the Russian front launched an offensive on Tuesday south of Lake Babit in the Riga region. Continued on Page 9, Col. 4.

TROT OUT BILINGUAL K. VE AS LAST RESORT

Conservatives in West Simcoe Trying to Stem Tide of Defeat.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Gretnore, Ont., Jan. 9.—Hon. Isaac Lacaze's speech last night indicated that the conservatives have determined, if possible, to make the bilingual school question the big issue of the West Simcoe by-election in a last effort to stem the tide which is rolling south and swiftly against them in the present campaign.

Lacking the advantage of a farmer candidate and aware that Mr. Scott is the Liberal nominee and a farmer, he is making great inroads upon the vote of the agricultural classes here by fore-seeing defeat, unless another expedient is employed to stop the landslide.

In a constituency where half the voters are Orangemen and Orangemen flourish like a green bay tree, the school phantasm can be trotted out to try to do the work which other agencies have failed to do.

DESPERATE FIGHTING IN NORTHERN RUMANIA

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Via Sayville Wireless.—Desperate fighting in the valleys leading into the interior of Northern Rumania is reported in today's war communication. The text of the statement reads:

"From the Archduke Joseph: The enemy is tenaciously defending the valleys leading from the Berezec Mountains into the Moldavian Plain.

In spite of unfavorable weather and the most difficult terrain in the rugged wooded mountains, our troops are pushing back the enemy every day step by step. Again yesterday, on both sides of the Kasino and Suchitza valleys, positions strongly constructed and with barbed-wire defenses were taken by storm and in hand-to-hand fighting and sustained despite desperate counter-attacks.

Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: Taking advantage of their victory, German and Austro-Hungarian troops advanced yesterday to the north, defeated hostile renegades and reached the Putna sector, where the enemy holds the opposite bank in a new position.

Claim Galeska Taken.
"On both sides of Funderf, the Russians were driven into the Crangeni-Nanetti line. Galeska was captured by storm and hand-to-hand and maintained against nocturnal attacks.

"The booty and prisoners reported taken yesterday have reached a total of 50 officers, 5,400 men, three cannon and ten machine guns.

LIVING UP TO TITLE OF STORMY PETREL OF ALLIES' WAR POLITICS



Advertiser Illustration.
King Constantine of Greece and his Hohenzollern consort, who is power behind the throne in latest developments of reported Greek treachery.

AUSTRIAN PRESS ABANDONS PEACE HOPE; TALKS WAR

Story From Vienna Declares Half of Dual Monarchy Expects Continued Struggle.

Vienna, Jan. 8.—Via London, Jan. 8.—The Austrian press has abandoned all hope of peace negotiations and discusses calmly the prospect of a continuance of the war. Emperor Charles' order to the army, informing the soldiers that the Entente had refused to accept the central powers' peace offer, is accepted as final and editorial comment is confined to pointing out that the only course left is to maintain the struggle with the country's maximum effort. No results are expected from the Allies' reply to President Wilson's note and, as far as the newspapers are concerned, the chapter of the present peace efforts is considered closed.

ENTIRE SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS FROM OFFICE

Premier Tenders Resignation to King Alfonso Today.

Madrid, Spain, Jan. 9.—Via London.—Count Romanones, who has been premier in the Spanish ministry since December, 1915, today presented to King Alfonso the resignation of the entire cabinet.

ALLIES UNITE ON POLICY TOWARD GREECE; PLAN SYSTEMATIC "POOLING"

Italy Accepts Viewpoint of Other Entente Powers On Macedonian Move, Says Brian d, Who Announces a More Methodical Exchange of Materials by Members of the Entente Alliance.

Paris, Jan. 9.—While on his way back to Paris from the Rome conference of the Entente Allies, Premier Briand made the following statement at Turin to a correspondent of the Petit Journal:

"All the chiefs of the Allied governments decided to maintain the strictest reserve as to the character of the decisions reached at the conference. I may say, however, that during the discussions we found that an absolute agreement existed among the Allies. We decided to coordinate still further the coordination of our efforts.

Highly Satisfied.
"Such was the principal object of the conference, and it has been realized. I am personally highly satisfied with the results of our meetings, and after the conference at Rome I have more than ever a deep conviction of our ultimate victory."

After the premier's arrival in Paris, another brief council was held by French ministers in the waiting-room at the railroad terminus.

The Petit Journal says the Rome conference considered three questions: Concerning Greece, in regard to which Italy hitherto had made certain reser-

ULTIMATUM TO GREECE BY ENTENTE POWERS GIVES BUT 48 HOURS TO MEET DEMANDS

Allies' Ministers Present Final Word in Negotiations That Followed Riots at Athens and Consequent Blockade of Grecian Ports.

Piraeus, Greece, Jan. 9.—Via London.—Ministers of the Entente Powers today handed to the Greek Government an ultimatum giving Greece 48 hours to comply with the demands contained in the note drawn up by France, Great Britain and Russia on December 31.

The Entente note to Greece demands, among other things, that all Greek forces outside of Peloponnesus be reduced to a number strictly necessary to the preservation of order. That all meetings of reservists in Greece north of the isthmus of Corinth be prohibited; that all persons detained for high treason or for other political reason be released forthwith; that the commandant of the first army corps be dismissed, and that the Greek Government make apologies to the Allies' ministers and flags at some public spot in Athens.

TROOPS TAKEN FROM THESSALY.

Athens, Jan. 8, via London, Jan. 9.—The withdrawal of Greek troops from Thessaly has virtually been completed. Women armed with rifles are replacing the guards on the railroads, bridges and passes.

4,378 OFFICERS LOST DURING LAST OCTOBER

British Officers' Casualties Total 33,122—15,696 Being Killed.

London, Jan. 9.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—Casualty lists published by the war office show that in October the British army lost 4,378 officers, of whom 1,450 were killed, 2,736 wounded and 152 were missing. In November the total was 2,305 of whom 894 were killed, 1,389 wounded and 112 are missing.

These figures bring the total losses among officers since the beginning of the war to 53,122, of whom 14,696 have been killed or died of wounds, 33,970 wounded and 2,456 are missing. A large proportion of the wounded have since returned to duty and the total under the heading of missing includes a proportion since reported as prisoners of war.

26,000 VOLTS ONLY CAUSES MINOR BURNS

Hydro Travelling Superintendent Has a Miraculous Escape at Chatham.

Chatham, Jan. 9.—Although 26,000 volts of electricity passed through his body as he was examining a switch at the Kent hydro substation this morning, Stanley Latimer, travelling superintendent of the system, received only comparatively minor burns to his left foot and hand, and his condition is not regarded as serious. He left for his home in Hamilton in the care of a physician.

SENATOR POIRIER WEDS.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The marriage took place at Sacred Heart Church here this morning of Senator Pascal Poirier of Sherbrooke, N. B., to Miss Mathilde Casgrain, daughter of P. B. Casgrain, K. C., ex-M. P., Quebec, and sister of Senator J. P. B. Casgrain.

AMPLIFYING CLAIMS OF SUBS' DESTRUCTIVENESS

Germans Chalk Up Another Transport to Mediterranean Score.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—Via London.—An official statement issued today by the German admiralty, announcing the sinking of the French armored cruiser Gaulois and the British transport Ivernia, previously reported officially from Paris and London, says that a German submarine, on January 8, sank in the Mediterranean an armed and heavily-laden transport steamer of about 5,000 tons.

The text of the statement reads: "One of our submarines, commanded by Lieut. Steinhauser, sank with a torpedo on December 27, in the Aegean Sea, the conveyed French ship of the line Gaulois. The same submarine sank, on January 1, in the Mediterranean, the fully-laden English troop transport Ivernia, which was conveyed by destroyers, and on January 8 it sent to the bottom an armed and heavily-laden transport steamer of about 5,000 tons."

THREE SUNK BY SUB.
London, Jan. 9.—The sinking of three steamers of Entente nationality, two of them vessels of more than 2,500 tons, is announced by Lloyd's Shipping Agency. They are the French steamer Agence, of 1,591 tons; the British steamer Leblanc, of 2,556 tons, built in 1915, and the Japanese steamer Chinto Maru, of 3,666 tons.

GERARD'S WORDS WIND UP PEACE RECORDS AGAIN

One German Paper Declares America Has Recovered From War-Profit Carouse.

INVOKES GOD'S PROTECTION
If Diety Will Save Germany From States, It Can Take Care of Its Enemies.

WARNING SEEN IN BRITAIN
Manchester Guardian Reads Hint To von Tirpitz Faction in Ambassador's Address.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Via London, Jan. 9.—The Boersen Zeitung, Berlin's leading financial organ, asked upon the dinner given to Ambassador Gerard by the American Association of Commerce and Trade as an opportunity to discuss peace again. It declares that the banquet had unusual importance and expresses almost enthusiasm at the cordial relations existing between the United States and Germany, as it finds them in the expressions of the speakers.

The Saturday evening papers declare that Germany will welcome every support America may lend to the peace movement "so long as it does not attempt to narrow or foil the acquisition of peace worthy of Germany, and the efforts of her fighters."

Recovered From Carouse.
In his comment on the dinner, the Boersen Zeitung says that it is natural that Germany now looks differently upon an American "which has recovered from what may be termed its carouse over its rich war gains than on an America which Germany vainly tried to arouse to a sympathetic understanding of her situation."

The paper warns Americans, however, that they must not expect the German people to be deeply grateful for peace which, it says, "are actually inspired by America's own desires and needs for peace." After saying that the banquet itself was far more important than an ordinary festivity the Boersen Zeitung makes the following comment on the speech of Ambassador Gerard:

Calla Speech Significant.
"Such a speech at the present time is significant. We have always insisted (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

"BONNE ENTENTE" SHATTERS WORK OF DISCORD SEEKERS

Mayor of Three Rivers So Sums Up Objects.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 9.—The "bonne entente" party arrived at Hamilton at 12 o'clock today. A company of the 20th Battalion was drawn up on the platform and a band played as the guests stepped from the train. "Is there any young man in the party who was living in Montreal fifty years ago?"

The members of the party, the local reception committee and mayors and other officials of surrounding towns completely filled the council chamber. A bilingual touch was imparted to the proceedings when City Clerk Hogarth read an address in French with excellent accent and inflection. The French members were so impressed that they at once rose to their feet, cheering and applauding at frequent intervals throughout.

Sir George Garneau expressed the appreciation of the party upon hearing their mother tongue.

Testifies to Harmony.
Felix Hebert of Sherbrooke made a few remarks in French, and followed with an address of some length in English, testifying to the harmony prevailing between English-speaking and French-speaking residents of Sherbrooke.

The Province of Quebec, he said, today, as ever, was ready to hold out and to accept the hand of brotherhood. The basis of good understanding, he said, must be truth. If there are grievances let us speak out. Let us be frank and let us trust each other.

Alfred Duboué of Montreal said if a few men in Quebec and Ontario declared we must unite to crush such persons.

Pro Mayor Bettes of Three Rivers said those who had sought to create discord must see in the work of the "bonne entente" the shattering of their efforts.

The remarks of Mayor Booker of Hamilton in bringing the reception to a close so pleased the visitors that they rose and sang "Il y a Gagne Ces Espoirs" and "Sir George Garneau tells me," said the mayor, "that means I have gained my spurs. I must be quite a rooster."

After signing the register at the city hall the party took street cars to the mountain and viewed the panorama of the city. At 1 o'clock a luncheon was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel.

MUSICAL AUTHOR.
Nico, France, Jan. 9.—Sebastian Schiesinger, author of musical compositions, is dead.

GIVE UP HOPE OF CONQUEST, MAKE IMMEDIATE PEACE, IS GERMAN SOCIALISTS' DEMAND

GREECE SAYS IT DESIRES PEACE

Athens, Jan. 9.—Via London, Jan. 9.—The official reply of the Greek Government to President Wilson's peace note was communicated today to the American minister at Athens. The reply associates Greece heartily with the president's effort in behalf of peace.

LAWSON PROMISES TO NAME THOSE IN "LEAK" STOCK DEAL

Will Disclose Information If Investigation Ordered.

THREATS OF CONTEMPT
Financier Declares If Proper Committee Is Formed, He Will Talk.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Continued refusal of Thomas W. Lawson to answer categorical questions by the House rules committee in the leak inquiry today caused the committee to entertain a motion by Representative Bennett that he be cited before the far of the House for contempt. The motion was held on the table for action.

He subsequently promised the committee he would disclose the names of the cabinet officials, the senator and the New York banker, who, he says, a member of Congress told him were engaged in a stock-gambling partnership. If the House ordered an investigation as a result of the rules committee's preliminary hearings.

"I cannot name the cabinet officer to whom I have referred," Lawson replied to renewed questions by Representative Harrison, "without mentioning another official of a higher position, and that would be more serious than if I cast a cloud over the entire Congress, and was sent to jail myself for life."

In response to questions by Representative Patten, Lawson said he did not think the leak got into Wall Street through any newspaperman or from any printed document. He reiterated his intention to disclose his information to a committee that had power to summon books and papers for a thorough investigation of the stock exchange.

CUNARDER UNABLE TO MAKE ATLANTIC TRIP

Laoconia Was Rammed by Small Boat on Eve of Sailing.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Cunarder Laoconia, scheduled to leave Liverpool December 31 with passengers and mail for New York, was rammed by a small boat just prior to her time of sailing and damaged to such an extent that she was compelled to abandon the trip, according to passengers booked for the Laoconia who arrived here today on the American Line steamship St. Paul from Liverpool.

The damage was to the Laoconia's rudder, the passengers said, and the mail aboard were transferred to the St. Paul, as were those who had booked passage.

Among the arrivals of the St. Paul was Alfred Noyes, the English poet, who has returned to the United States to resume his lectures at Princeton University, and ex-Premier Deakin of Australia.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR PICTURED TO SENATE

Demand for Indemnity From Mexico Might Bring One On.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Possibility that some European power might claim indemnity from Mexico for damage done its citizens there were pictured to the Senate military committee today by Dr. David Jayne Hill, president of the American Defense Society and former ambassador to Germany, as one of the arguments for preparedness.

"I think the possibility of such a demand highly probable," Dr. Hill said. "We might be called upon to permit collection by that power through a fleet sent to a Mexican port, to enforce collection ourselves or pay the indemnity ourselves."

"Whatever you might say, the world would regard one of these alternatives as just. A war might be on our hands unless we granted it. If we were weak people we might be forced to a decision which would make our descendants blush with shame."

Dr. Hill said the defense society had no particular plan to offer for universal military service, but believed the safety of the nation depended on such legislation.

LATEST RECRUIT.—Leonard Ketch of Ingersoll is the latest recruit to join up with the Engineers.

Social Democratic Party Circulating Petitions Demanding Stopping of Enormous Sacrifices of Blood and Money By All the Belligerents—Cry for Economic Development Guarantee Only.

London, Jan. 9 (New York Sun cable).—The German Social Democrats are circulating petitions to be sent to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, demanding that Germany give up all plans of conquest and make peace at once. One of these petitions was found on a German soldier taken prisoner on the Somme within the last two days. It says:

"To the inhabitants of Altenburg: You will soon be visited by delegates of the Social Democratic party, requesting you to sign the following petition for peace: 'To the imperial chancellor, Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg: The undersigned demand that the speediest possible end be made to the war which has devastated Europe for more than two years, imposing enormous sacrifices in blood and money on all the belligerent countries. The undersigned reject all plans of conquest which not only prolong the war, but also contain the germ of new wars.'

"They demand that the governments of the central powers declare themselves ready to conclude a peace which will guarantee to the empire its political independence and territorial integrity, and freedom for its economic development."

ANXIETY CAUSED IN BRITAIN OVER BALKANS GREAT

Macedonian Situation Looms Large in Public Eye Now.

DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL
The Anti-Asquith Press Would Terminate Saloniki Expedition at Once.

New York, Jan. 9.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: "For perhaps the first time in the war real anxiety is being manifested in Britain over the situation in the Balkans. Public interest is now divided between the Macedonian problem and the new loan, both of which have a direct bearing on the question of the early settlement of hostilities."

Over the week-end a lively fight developed between the easterners and the westerners, which means that behind the scenes forces more powerful than the press are locked in serious debate.

Rumors that King Constantine of Greece is planning an open attack on Sarraile's forces created alarm in some quarters, though in others confidence was expressed that the Allies could hold the situation well in hand.

It is believed that Lloyd George and Briand have received strong assurances from Italy that she will prosecute the war vigorously until the central powers are ready to make concessions satisfactory to all the Allies, but whether these assurances included a pledge by Italy to play a more important part in Macedonia only future events will show.

The same elements of the press that were responsible for the honoring of Asquith are now vigorously assailing the Saloniki expedition, on the ground that it is dissipating the strength of the Allies and is impossible of being a military success because of transportation difficulties.

While the Allied heads are exchanging views and pledges, tremendous preparation is being made here to launch the new loan. There are high expectations for realizing a sum unprecedented in the world's finances.

ANOTHER GERMAN RAID FRUSTRATED BY FRENCH

Attempt of Return of Ribescourt Meets Usual Dismal Failure.

Paris, Jan. 9.—North of the Oise, after a lively bombardment last night, the Germans attempted unsuccessfully to raid a French trench north of Ribescourt. The war office announced today. On the rest of the front calm prevailed during the night.

FRITZ NON-COMMITTAL.
Berlin, Jan. 9.—Via Sayville.—There was pronounced artillery activity at long range at numerous points along the western front yesterday, army headquarters announced in today's statement on operations in that war area, which reads:

"Western Front: Clear weather permitting observations, the long distance artillery fire on both sides was lively at many points."

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 39; lowest, 15.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 32.