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HEAVY ONSLAUGHT ON ANGLO-FRENCH ARMY IN SERBIA

War Costs Italy $100,000,000 a Month

TORPEDOING OF ANCONA MUST BE DISAVOWED

United States Has Sent Peremptory Note to Austria-Hungary.

DEMANDS GUARANTEES

Also Punishment of Sub's Commander and Reparation for Lives Lost.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. — The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack on the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication was sent by cable yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian. Word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the department tonight.

Assurances Demanded.

The document is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commander of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German Government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy. It is understood the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted and asked for an explanation on that point.

No Quibbling.

In despatching the note, Secretary of State Lansing acted with the approval of and after consultation with President Wilson. It is stated authoritatively that the document, which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to demand a settlement of the controversy at once without bringing on a series of communications, such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania. High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one

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SUBS. SUPPLIED BY GREEK SHIPS

British Transport Sighted One Furnishing Oil to German Boat.

TANKER SENT SIGNALS

Make Mediterranean Closed Sea, Advice of London Morning Post.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 1 a.m.—The Morning Post today gives prominence to a suggestion by a correspondent that the Mediterranean be declared a closed sea, and that no ship be allowed to trade there without a license from the Entente naval authorities.

The step should be taken, the correspondent argues, in an effort to combat Teutonic submarines which, he declares, are kept supplied with oil, provisions and torpedoes by neutral steamers. He suggests that neutral ships on entering the Straits of Gibraltar should be given a course which they would be required to follow without deviation or delay, and says that no neutral ships carrying oil fuel should be allowed in the Mediterranean.

Greek ships are probably the worst offenders, says the correspondent. A short time ago one of our largest transports, carrying 6000 troops, ran close to a Greek ship which was in the act of supplyin goil to an enemy submarine off Tunis, while on another occasion a suspicious oil tanker was close by when one of our transports was sunk, and later was seen exchanging signals with the submarine."

R. H. CREW

Who died Tuesday at Grace Hospital of apoplexy. He was superintendent at the Grand Trunk shops, Mimico.

GREEKS SEEK TO DISARM SERBS

Athens Government Reported to Be Preparing Note to Allies.

BERLIN MUCH PLEASED

Interview of King Constantine Featured in Press and Approved.

BERLIN, Dec. 8, via London.—The Associated Press interview with King Constantine of Greece is the feature of the day in Berlin newspapers. All Berlin papers this morning headed their columns with the interview and great significance is attached to King Constantin'e declarations regarding the necessity of retiring allied troops passing direct thru Greece without stop and re-embarking at Saloniki.

Similar news has been received from Bucharest in the form of a reported decision of the Greek Cabinet and general staff, which, it is said, is to be communicated as a note to the foreign governments. According to the version of this note circulated by the Bucharest newspaper Minerva, the note declares that Sefrbian troops fleeing thru Grek territory will be disarmed and Anglo-French headquarters at Saloniki will be required to transport troops retiring before the enemy upon Greek territory immediately from Greece by way of Saloniki, with their entire equipment and supplies. The Greek Government requests the central powers not to cross the Greek frontier in pursuit of the retiring forces, Greece undertaking to guarantee that they depart from Greece.

BIG GERMAN SUBMARINE SANK COMMUNIPAW

Wireless Call for Help Received, But No Trace of Ship Found by Rescuers.

ROME, Dec. 9, 12.55 a.m.—The first report of the torpedoing of the American tank steamer Communipaw, says The Giornale d'Italia, was a radio message from an Italian steamer which had picked up a wireless call for help from the Communipaw and proceeded to her assistance, at the same time sending on the wireless message to an Italian steamer, a Greek torpedo boat destroyer and a British warship. None of them, however, was able to find any trace of the American steamer or her crew.

The paper adds that the Egyptian authorities confirm the torpedoing of the steamer, and say that the submarine which sent her to the bottom was a German of a large type.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO RE-EQUIP SERBIANS

First Instalment of Supplies Reached Albania Some Days Ago.

LONDON, Dec. 9. — A despatch to The Times from Saloniki dated Monday, says the British and French Government early arranged for the re-equipment of the Serbian army, the main body of which has taken refuge in Albania, and that the first instalment of the supplies arrived in Albania some days ago.

The correspondent adds that a portion of the retreating Serbs reached Epirus, Greece, by skirting the eastern shore of Lake Ochrida.

ITALY TO FLOAT ANOTHER LOAN FOR WAR SOON

Hundred Million Dollars Monthly Expenditure on Campaign.

MAY BE FINAL CALL

Minister of Finance Expects Peace to Be Made by Next June.

ROME, Dec. 8.—In a statement before the chamber of deputies today, the minister of the treasury, Paolo Carcano, said that the budget of 1914-15 had been closed with a deficit of $567,000,000. The budget of 1915-16 showed a surplus of $248,400,000, taking into account the war loans omitted. But, added the minister, the surplus was much below the amount necessary for the expenditures indispensable for the continuation of the war from the end of December to the end of June. Therefore, is was necessary to make another appeal to the Italian people for a great national loan. Signor Carcano, speaking with reference to the budget of 191617, predicted peace would come before the expiration of that period, and he estimated a surplus of $28,000,000. The expenses of the war, according to the minister, reached $500,000,000 during the first five months, and would be proportionately higher in the next seven months.

RUSSIANS BRING DOWN HUGE GERMAN AIRSHIP

Loud Explosion After Fall of Vessel, Believed to Be Caused by Gas.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8, via London, Dec. 9, 1 a.m.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"An enemy attempt to cross an arm of the Dvina River to an island south of Uskull was repulsed by fusillades from the bank of the river.

"Our heavy battery forced a German airship to descend in the region of Merzendorf, north of Baldon. Our bombardment was maintained upon that vicinity and a loud explosion was heard, which probably resulted from the destruction of the airship by our fire, or the detonation of some other receptacle containing gas. On the remainder of the front there has been only occasional firing at various points."

GERMANS NOT EXCITED OVER WILSON'S MESSAGE

Resume of Address Elicits No Comment Regarding Denouncing of Conspirators.

BERLIN (via London), Dec. 8.—The German newspapers received no direct reports on the opening of the United States Congress, and President Wilson's message. The possibilities of securing an independent news service by wireless from the United States are being utilized to the most insignificant extent by the German press. The newspapers were supplied this afternoon with a resume of the message transmitted by way of London, but as yet there has been no comment on Mr. Wilson's declarations regarding intrigues and conspiracies against American neutrality.

HICHENS ENDS WORK ON MUNITIONS BOARD

Accompanied by R. H. Brand, He Leaves for New York.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—Lionel Hichens and R. H. Brand, who have been here representing David Lloyd George, imperial minister of munitions, in connection with the organization of the imperial munitions committee here left today for New York and Washington. They will leave shortly for England.

The work of Mr. Hichens is completed and he will not return to Canada for the present, at any rate. Mr. Brand will be back again in a few weeks.

MONTENEGRO DOES NOT DESIRE SEPARATE PEACE

Report From Berlin Declared to Be Without Any Foundation.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—In a despatch from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph, referring to The Frankfurter Zeitung's reports that Montenegro had expressed a desire for a separate peace, says:

"A Serbian diplomat, now in Holland, declares that the whole statement is without foundation."

FURTHER SAFEGUARDS FOR TRADE OF BRITAIN

Lord Cecil's Bill Added Precaution Against Commerce With Enemy.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Further restrictions upon trading with possible hostile interests are proposed in a bill formally presented to the house of commons this afternoon by Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs. The present restrictions are extended "to persons to whom, tho not residents of or carrying on business in enemy territory, it is by reason of their enemy nationality or association expedient to extend such restrictions."

PRINCE JOACHIM TO MARRY IN FEBRUARY

Kaiser Has Fixed Date for Ceremony, Says Amsterdam Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Emperor William has fixed the date of the marriage of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to Princess Marie of Anhalt for the end of February at Potsdam, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Amsterdam, which gives a message from Cassel, Prussia, as authority for the statement.

SHARP FIGHT AT KUT-EL-AMARA

Turks Claim to Have Approached Main Position of British.

BRITISH REINFORCED

Confidence Felt That Defenders Can Hold Out Against Odds.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—While the British forces at Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, are being fiercely attacked by large Turkish forces, it is believed they will be able to repel the onslaughts. Official announcement today that the British have already been reinforced, and that more troops are on the way, has allayed public anxiety.

An official communication from the Turkish War Office, received tonight, says:

"On the Irak (Mesopotamia) front Tuesday afternoon our troops by strong attacks prevented the enemy from completely establishing himself in a fortified position near Kut-el-Amara. Monday our troops, after six hours of vigorous attacking, successfully approached the enemy's main position, capturing a machine gun. Our artillery set fire to an enemy transport vessel."

TURKS REPORT FIERCE FIGHTING IN GALLIPOLI

Turkish Positions Bombarded From Land and Sea—Grenades Freely Used.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 8.—Tonight's official statement on Dardanelles operations says:

"From several directions by land and sea the enemy has bombarded our positions near Anafarta. Our military replied. Near Avi Burnu there has been vigorous fighting with hand-grenades and artillery. Our artillery silenced a part of the enemy's batteries and drove off an enemy cruiser which attempted to approach Avi Burnu, and destroyed enemy trenches and a portion of one bomb-thrower position.

"Near Seddul Bahr strong enemy artillery, bomb and aero torpedo firing was silenced by our artillery."

DOMINIONS' TROOPS GAIN ADMIRATION OF WORLD

Lord Lansdowne Pays Tribute to Fighting Qualities of Canadians and Australians.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Lord Lansdowne, moving a vote of thanks at the British Red Cross meetings tonight to the dominions for their contributions, said that it was not only in financial assistance or in hosts of men that the dominions had rendered such wonderful service. The troops sent by the dominions had by their quality aroused the admiration of the whole world, especially in regard to the Dardanelles landing.

ONE OF THE NEW STYLES IN COATS

Black and white striped velvet coat, with black fox collar and cuffs.

REICHSTAG TO DISCUSS TODAY PROSPECTS OF EARLY PEACE

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(Via London.)—The reichstag will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. First on the order of the day is the speech of the imperial chancellor dealing with the political and military situation. The reichstag will then discuss the Socialist interpellation regarding the prospects for peace. The Socialist leader, Dr. Scheidemann, will make the introductory address.

SMALL ITALIAN CRUISER SUNK

VIENNA, Dec. 8.—(Via London, Dec. 9, 12.15 a.m.)—An official statement issued tonight says: "One of our submarines, on the morning of Dec. 5, sank a small Italian cruiser with two funnels off Valona (Avlona), Albania."

ITALIANS CAPTURE TRENCHES ON MOUNT SAINT MICHAEL

Brilliant Action Near Pelicino Realizes Important Progress in Movement Upon Gorizia, By Gaining Footing in Key Position.

ROME, via London, Dec. 8, 10.35 p.m.—The war office today made public the following official communication:

"Along the whole front there has been greater activity by the enemy's artillery, to which our batteries effectively replied. The enemy is also making extensive use of asphyxiating gases.

"On Monday afternoon an intense preparation by artillery fire was followed by enemy infantry attacks against our position north of Pre, in the valley of the Ledro and to the east of Piazza in the Terragnolo valley. The attacks were completely repulsed.

"On the Carso front, despite adverse weather conditions, our infantry is maintaining its aggressive attitude. A brilliant action which developed yesterday in the northern zone of Mount Saint Michael enabled us to capture a strong and extended enemy entrenchment near Peticino. We took 146 prisoners, including eight officers and a quantity of rifles, ammunition and other war material."

Mount Saint Michael is one of the peaks commanding Gorizia. The report indicates the resumption of the Italian advance on the Isonzo. The Austrians claim that the Italians were later driven out of some of the positions secured.

OPENING OF COMMONS ON JANUARY TWELFTH

Date Practically Settled, But No Official Announcement Made.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—It is positively settled that parliament will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 12, tho the cabinet held only a short meeting this afternoon, and did not make an official decision as to the date of opening.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES UNDER HEAVY ATTACK

French, After Falling Back, Repulsed Fresh Onslaughts of Bulgars.

ESSAY SMASHING BLOW

Big Bulgar Force Reported to Be Massed for Great Effort.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The Germans and Bulgarians have reached Kenali, on the Greek border, ter miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while the Bulgars, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from Kribola salient, and at last accounts had taken up a position at Demirkapou, in a deep gorge about 20 miles from the Greek frontier, thru which the Saloniki Railway runs.

Here they were attacked by the Bulgarians, who, according to the French reports, were repulsed.

Bent on Crushing Blow.

The plans of neither the allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the little force which went to the assistance of the Serbians, and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the allies to Demirkapou has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Saloniki would seem to deny any such intention, while there is a very strong military opinion here that Saloniki should be held as a base for future operations in the near east.

It is officially announced that one German and one Bulgarian regiment entered Monastir yesterday, says a Reuter despatch from Athens.

The Anglo-French troops continue their withdrawal towards the Greek frontier, the despatch adds.

Big Bulgar Force.

It is reported in Paris that an important Bulgarian force, estimated in some quarters to number as many as four divisions (about 60,000), is being concentrated in the region of Doiran, about half way between Saloniki and the northern extremity of the French front, says a despatch to The Temps from Salonika. Simultaneously, German forces are forming in front of the allies' lines.

The German forces, according to the

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THIRTY-EIGHT SAVED WHEN STEAMER SANK

Helmsmuir Presumably Victim of Submarine—Two Italian Craft Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 8, 8.30 p.m.—Eleven passengers and 27 of the crew of the British steamer Helmsmuir have been picked up, it is announced.

The Italian steamer Dimis (?) and the Italian barque Pietro Lofaro have been sunk.

There has been no previous information that the steamer Helmsmuir may have been sunk, prsumably by a submarine. She is listed as a vessel of 4111 tons gross, 380 feet long, built at Sunderland in 1912, and owned in Cardiff.

The Pietro Lofaro was a vessel of 517 tons gross, built in 1902. The steamer Dimis is not listed in available shipping records.

Another Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The British steamer Ignis has been sunk. The crew have been landed.

Available shipping registers contain no record of such a steamer as the Ignis.

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