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WEATHER—MOSTLY FAIR

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DESPERATE BATTLE FOR THE POSSESSION OF BUCHAREST

RUSSIANS POUR IN THEIR LEGIONS

Hosts of Emperor Nicholas and Gallant Roumanians Strongly Defending Southern and Western Approaches to Capital, but Teutonic Allies Advance Continues to Press More Closely on Bucharest.

MACKENSEN THROWS ARMY ACROSS NIASLOV LOWLANDS, NEAR BUCHAREST — GREAT RUSSIAN DRIVE BRINGS CONTROL OF IMPORTANT LINE FROM KIRLIBABA TO MARAMAROSSZIGET — LITTLE FIGHTING IN FRANCE.

Desperately the Roumanians, aided by Russian troops, are defending the southern and western approaches to Bucharest, while the Teutonic allies advance continues to press more closely on the Roumanian capital from the northwest. Unofficially it is reported in London that Russian troops have arrived in Bucharest to aid the hard-pressed Roumanian forces.

Progress for the advancing German and Austro-Hungarian armies in Wallachia and south of Bucharest is reported by Berlin, which says the Roumanians continue to offer resistance. The Roumanians apparently are on or near the line of the Argeshu, as Petrograd says the invaders have occupied two towns south of Bucharest and near that river. Field Marshal Von Mackensen, Berlin records, has thrown an army across the Niaslov lowlands, which would be approaching the Argeshu, in the direction of Bucharest.

Advancing southward from the Campulung-Pitești region the Teuton invaders have taken prisoners and cannon and much other equipment from the Roumanians.

In the fighting reported in the latest communiqués Berlin says the Roumanians lost more than 2,900 prisoners and twenty-one cannon.

Russians Continue.

The Russians continue aggressively their offensive against the Austro-German lines from the Carpathians to Southern Transylvania. Berlin states the Russian attacks, which are declared to have advanced a front of 186 miles from Jablonitz to Kozul Vasarhely, resulted only in small advantages, which are declared not to be commensurate with the cost in men and ammunition. Petrograd admits a repulse southwest of Vakaraka, in the Carpathians, but records the capture of a ridge of heights north of Kirlibaba.

Dobruja Fighting Intense.

The fighting in Dobruja has become more intense. Bucharest announces a violent attack along the whole front in that region. Berlin declares that the attack against the Bulgarian left wing in Dobruja failed, and that British "tanks" are being used by the attackers.

In Galacia there has also been a reawakening of activity. Petrograd records that an Austro-German attempt to reach the offensive north of Tarnopol-Zloczow railway was repulsed.

Little Fighting in France.

In Macedonia, in France and on the Austro-Italian front, there has been no important change in the situation. The artillery activity on the Somme front in Northern France, and in the Trentino and Carso regions of the Italian theatre is reported to be increasing.

Both Berlin and Paris claim the repulse of attacks northwest of Monastir in Serbia.

Admiral Du Fournet the commander of the Entente fleet in the Mediterranean, is reported to have landed troops at Piraeus, the port of Athens. French, British and Italian contingents are said to have been included in the landing party. Aside from a report that Greek troops are being sent toward Athens from the north of Greece, there are no indications as to what measures the Greek government has taken to comply with or oppose Admiral Du Fournet's demands for the turning over of Greece's arms and ammunition.

Russians at Bucharest?

London, Dec. 1.—The Cologne Gazette publishes an unconfirmed report that the Russian troops have arrived at Bucharest.

The official report says: Bucharest, Dec. 1, via London.—After infantry actions we evacuated Campulung and are retiring in the Dobrovizta Valley, where before we had been violently attacked.

Removal of Capital.

Washington, Dec. 1.—A message

FIGHTING BEGINS IN GREECE

Panic Reigns in Athens, According to Despatch Received in London this Morning.

London, Dec. 2.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Athens, timed 11.45 a. m., Friday, says:

"Firing has taken place between French sailors and reservists on the slopes of the Acropolis. Passengers from Piraeus say that when passing the Thessalonika railroad station they witnessed the fighting. This fighting, according to other information, was between French sailors and Greek troops.

"A panic has begun in Athens. Crowds are rushing through the streets and shops are being closed. Two French cruisers have entered Phaleron harbor."

The left wing of the Dobruja army failed. The enemy again used tanks fruitlessly.

"Northwest of Monastir and near Grunishke hostile attempts to advance were repulsed."

Roumanian Success.

Petrograd, Dec. 1, via London.—In the Buzen Valley, southeast of Kronstadt, Roumanian troops have occupied a ridge of heights east and south of the village of Krasna, says the Russian statement today on the operations on the Roumanian front and in Dobruja. Southwest of Bucharest attacks by the invaders were driven back, the statement adds, but the villages of Tuznava, 16 miles south of Bucharest, and Gostinar were lost.

Russian Victory.

Petrograd, Dec. 1.—An entire range of heights south of Kirlibaba has been captured by the Russians during fighting which is in progress along the whole Roumanian front, says the Russian official communication issued today. The communication says:

"Western (Russian) front: The enemy's attempt to take the offensive on the River Stokhod (Volynka), in the region of Velick, was arrested by our fire.

"North of the railway, from Tarnopol to Zloczow (Galicia), the enemy, after a violent artillery and mine thrower bombardment, took the offensive in the region of Kabarobze, but as the result of infantry and artillery fire they were driven to their own trenches.

"In the wooded Carpathians the battle still continues for the ultimate possession of the height which was captured by us yesterday. After repeated enemy attacks our detachments had to withdraw from Rukada Height, eleven versts southwest of Vakaraka.

"South of Kirlibaba fighting is taking place along the whole Roumanian frontier. The enemy is meeting our advance with violent firing and counter attacks. In spite of this we succeeded in this region in occupying a whole range of heights."

Turks Routed.

Petrograd, Nov. 1, via London.—Turkish troops operating in Persia have suffered a defeat at the hands of the Russians, who inflicted great losses on the Turks, according to the official statement issued by the war office today.

Rome, Dec. 1 via London.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress along the Austro-Italian front, the war office announces.

Hostile aircraft raided several points along the front. They were driven off by anti-aircraft guns and airplanes. Enemy airplanes dropped bombs on Grisono, in the Sugana Valley. No damage was caused.

One of our air squadrons dropped volcanic bombs on the station at Volano, north of Rovereto, inflicting damage and causing fires.

CRISIS OF WAR NOW ON, SAYS BERESFORD

"We are in a Position of Unparalleled Gravity," Declares Baron.

GERMANS TO SEND SUBMARINES TO PACIFIC.

Baron Beresford Advocates Continued Aerial Attacks on German Base at Zeebrugge.

London, Dec. 1.—"We are in a position of unparalleled gravity," said Admiral Baron Beresford, in an address today at a meeting to support a stronger naval policy. "The crisis of the war is now."

"Since enemy submarines have transferred their activities from the headlands and shallow waters to the blue sea, the menace requires new strategy and new tactics to deal with it, but so far no definite and systematic methods have been taken for suppressing the menace."

"The Germans are now going to send submarines to the Pacific, and to wherever British trade routes are."

Advocate Aerial Attacks.

Baron Beresford advocated continued aerial attacks on the German base at Zeebrugge, and the arming of merchantmen, and continued:

"It is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. Thousands of tons of food which were waiting to come to England have been diverted to Germany."

The meeting adopted a resolution calling for a more effective blockade, and for more efficient measures to deal with the submarine question. Strong denunciations of the government and its naval policy were made at the meeting, which was attended by representatives of the shipping and mercantile community of London.

Thomas Gibson Bowles, who followed Baron Beresford, made a vigorous indictment of the government, demanding new men and a new mind at the admiralty. He likened the admiralty to the trumpet announcing this meeting.

Mr. Bowles added:

"Unless the submarine menace is dealt with, we shall be blockaded as well as Germany, and privation and famine prices will ensue. I can see no glimmer of an overtone for peace, but if overtures for an honorable peace should come with sufficient guarantees, it will be the duty of the government to examine them. I have arrived at the conclusion, however, that this government is no more able to make peace than it is to make war."

The speaker demanded its dissolution, declaring that the present coalition ministry was the creation of a parliament more worn out than it was itself. The speeches were punctuated with shouts of "turn them out," and similar phrases.

A CANADIAN PERISHES IN A CONVENT

New Bedford, Dec. 1.—Sister St. Seraphin of the Convent of the Sacred Heart, this city, is dead as the result of a fire which badly damaged the structure.

A panic started among the sisters and in their haste to escape Sister St. Seraphin, who was ill, was forgotten. She was suffocated in her bed. The sister was a Canadian and was 39 years of age.

The fire is believed to have been set by a stranger who was refused admission to the convent.

WAR MUST BE FOUGHT TO FINISH

Lord Robert Cecil Advocates Fighting it Out on East West Fronts.

ROUMANIA'S CONDITION CAUSES REGRET

No Reason However to Suspend Operations there will Affect Result of War.

London, Dec. 1.—"The war must be fought to a military conclusion on the east and west fronts, with the blockade playing only a secondary part," said Lord Robert Cecil, minister of foreign affairs, in discussing today, with the Associated Press, the latest developments in the world-conflict.

"The condition of Roumania," Lord Robert continued, "causes us grave regret. But there is no reason to suppose the operations there will affect the result of the war, which must be fought out on the main fronts. The conditions under which we will accept peace overtures remain the same as outlined several months ago."

As To Peace Terms.

Asked concerning the origin of the allegation in the Morning Post editorial that Germany had offered the Entente Powers generous peace terms in return for a free hand in Central and South America, Lord Robert Cecil said:

"Of course it is well known that Germany had very definite ambitions in Central and South America, even before the war, but I am unaware of any peace having been offered us on the terms mentioned by the Morning Post. We have no knowledge that such overtures ever had been made here."

The London Morning Post, in its issue of last Tuesday, argued that the Germans were willing for immediate peace, and would give the Entente Powers everything they desired but only on the one condition, that Germany be allowed a free hand in Central and South America.

"We understand," said the editorial, "that that condition has been put forward of course, discreetly and unofficially by the German government, and that it has been rejected by the Allies."

The editorial added that at any time in the last ten years "we could have had an agreement with Germany by allowing her a free hand across the Atlantic."

BURGLARIES AT POINT DU CHENE

Special to The Standard.

Shediac, Dec. 1.—It was discovered today that the summer residence of H. H. Melanson of Moncton, general passenger agent of the Canadian Government Railways, J. S. Magee of Moncton and of the late George A. Kautley, also of that city, located at Point du Chene, had been broken into during the night. Owing to the absence of the caretakers it is not definitely known how much property was taken.

Several Suspects.

The police of this town and Chief George Rideout of Moncton are working on the case. Several persons are under suspicion.

Last spring forty summer cottages at Shediac Cape, Point du Chene and Cape Brule were broken into and a large quantity of articles and goods taken. The robberies were the work of boys who were arrested by Chief of Police William Gunn and Constable Cassidy.

TROOPS OF ALLIES LAND AT PORT OF ATHENS

Greek Troops Marching South from Thessaly and Other Sections of Greece North of Athens Towards Capital of King Constantine.

BRITISH, FRENCH AND ITALIAN FORCES WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTROL CRITICAL SITUATION SHOULD ARMED CLASH OCCUR—NEWS FROM GREECE AWAITED ANXIOUSLY.

London, Dec. 1, 6.40 p. m.—A detachment of Entente troops disembarked at Piraeus, the port of Athens, at 3 o'clock this morning, without incident, according to a wireless despatch received today from Athens.

In view of the definite refusal of the Greek government to deliver the arms demanded by the Entente Allies, and the threat of Vice-Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the allied squadron, to take action, today unless his demand was acceded to, news from Greece is awaited anxiously. Cable messages despatched from Athens late yesterday afternoon showed that preparations were being made to resist seizure of the arms, and also that a French transport had arrived at Piraeus to land troops if trouble should develop. British bluejackets were ordered to co-operate, and the admiral gave warning that prominent personages taking part in any resistance would be arrested.

The Greek government has given guarantees that order will be maintained, but it is feared the calling up of reservists will have the opposite effect.

Admiral Du Fournet insisted that sixty-four mountain guns be delivered today. Further time has been given for the delivery of other guns and war material.

An Evening News despatch filed at Athens at 1.45 o'clock this morning says further reports have been received of forces marching south from Thessaly and other sections of Greece north of Athens. The garrison of Chalcis is marching with rifles toward Schinaria.

The despatch says a minor disturbance occurred last night. A few revolver shots were fired. No one was injured.

Just before the time of filing of the despatch King Constantine notified the Entente ministers of his definite refusal to hand over the guns.

POLITICAL SENSATION IN TRURO

Frank Stanfield, Conservative M. P., Resigns His Seat as Protest Against Railway Appointment.

Special to The Standard.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 1.—A political sensation has been caused in Truro by the announcement that Frank Stanfield, M. P., Conservative, has placed his resignation of provincial representative in the hands of the president of the Colchester Conservative Association. Mr. Stanfield has been looking after federal affairs affecting Colchester on behalf of his brother, Lieut.-Colonel John Stanfield, M. P., since the latter took up military duties. In this connection he has had a disagreement with the management of the railway in regard to the appointment of an assistant superintendent at Truro.

Favored J. D. McNutt.

Mr. Stanfield favored J. D. McNutt, who is now chief train dispatcher, and has had long service with the Intercolonial. Mr. Stanfield claims that Mr. McNutt is qualified and should be promoted.

On the other hand the management, it is stated, has appointed W. J. Mathison and it is claimed that he is a Grand Trunk man and should not be put over the head of Mr. McNutt.

Mr. Stanfield has other complaints against the railway management, but the crux of Mr. Stanfield's position is that intercolonial men who are qualified should be given promotion, and that men from other roads should not be put into vacant positions over the heads of local men. Mr. Stanfield leaves tonight for New York on a business trip.

Lecture Postponed.

Owing to the inclement weather the lecture on Belgium, to have been given under the auspices of the High School Alumnae in the City Hall, West St. John, last night, has been postponed until a later date.

UNCLE SAM GETS AFTER GERMANY

Washington, Dec. 1.—Acting on its own behalf, the American government has informed Germany anew of its deep concern over the deportation of Belgians from their own country by German military authorities. This action has been taken as a result of information about the deportations gathered from different sources, and after fruitless informal efforts on behalf of the Belgians made by American Charge Grew at Berlin.

Germany has been informed that the treatment of the Belgians has made a very bad impression in this country, and that the United States cannot avoid taking notice of the situation.

Belgian Minister E. Haventhin reported to Secretary of State Lansing that more than 100,000 Belgians had been deported.

THREE N. B. BOYS WOUNDED IN ACTION

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Casualty list—Infantry.

Wounded: C. Barton, Lintons, Sunbury Co., N. B. Dangerous: H. G. Pearson, Lower Millstream, N. B. Engineers.

Wounded: Corporal W. V. Kennedy, Minto, N. B. Wounded: J. M. Dixon, Fortune Bridge, P. LTD.