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Greece Agrees To Demands of Allied Powers

ALLIES TOGETHER ON THE MATTER OF MUNITIONS

Important Step Taken in London at Meeting of British, French, Russian and Italian Representatives

London, Nov. 25.—Albert Thomas, French munitions minister, has been in London this week attending a conference at the British ministry of munitions, at which civil and military representatives of Russia, France, Italy and Great Britain were present.

M. Thomas, in a statement given out for publication, lays great importance on the presence of the Russian and Italian representatives at the conference. He announced that it has been unanimously decided to set up a permanent organization for the conduct of the munitions business of the allies. A permanent office has been established and rules have been drawn up for the purpose of dealing with the orders given by one Entente allied state to another.

M. Thomas added that it was no longer a case of promises for the future, but that there would be actual achievement in the ceaseless production of munitions and that this would result in victory.

Note In Friendly Terms And Not Vague Or Evasive

No Military Measures Against Allies If Forced to Retreat to Greek Territory --London Satisfied That Situation Is Finally Cleared

Athens, Nov. 25.—Greece has met the demands of the Entente powers and given guarantees that the requirements will be fulfilled.

Official announcement is made that the reply to the collective note, presented by the Entente ministers, has been delivered to them. The announcement says:

"The reply is couched in very friendly terms and gives satisfaction to the demands of the Entente powers and all guarantees considered essential."

The collective note was presented to the Greek government on Tuesday. As outlined in unofficial despatches, it contained no request for Greek intervention in the war with the allies, but asked Greece to give assurance that she would preserve her friendly attitude in case the allied troops now in Macedonia should be compelled to retreat across the frontier to Greek territory.

London, Nov. 25.—Although the full text of the Greek government's reply to the Entente powers' note had not yet been made public in England, there is every indication that the British government is satisfied with the position taken at Athens. The communication given by Greece differs in marked degree from the previous expressions of benevolent neutrality. They are neither vague nor evasive, but promise explicitly that no similar measures will be taken against the Serbian, French or British troops in case they retreat to Greek territory.

Whether this guarantee of safety to the allied troops will carry Greece to the extent of opposing with her arms any German forces which might attempt to pursue the allies across the Greek border, probably will not be ascertained until full details are received in regard to the assurances given by Greece. From the optimistic tone of Athens despatches to London, however, it may be inferred that Greece has yielded on every essential point raised by the allies.

The situation, therefore, is regarded as having been cleared finally.

GERMANS TRY TO FORGE AHEAD TOWARDS THE DVINA BUT RUSSIANS GREATLY STRENGTHENED

London, Nov. 25.—The Germans still are making desperate efforts to advance in the direction of the Dvina, says a Petrograd despatch to the Times. They have built a new road for the transport of ammunition and heavy guns. Huge quantities of ammunition recently have been forwarded to the regions of Ikskul, Friedrichstadt, and Jacobstadt.

The position of the Russian armies has been enormously strengthened, however, by an abundance of ammunition. Gunners now show to infantrymen inscriptions written by workmen on ammunition boxes which read in substance: "Don't spare shells. Plenty more are coming. Comrades. We are working hard to keep you supplied. Cheer up."

BEAT AND BROKE LEGS OF PRISONERS

Brutal Treatment of Russians Who Would Not Help Dig Trenches

Petrograd, Nov. 25.—The following story of German treatment of Russian prisoners is printed by the Ruskaya Slovo of Moscow, which sent a correspondent to the occupied parts of Poland, where he spent two months. The story comes from a Russian prisoner, who escaped from a German prison. This man was met with a lot of others in Posen. But in the words of the prisoner:

"One day the sergeant said to us: 'Take pickaxes and spades and come along with us.'"

"What are we to do?" we asked.

"Dig trenches," he replied.

"It is better to die," someone said, "than to break our oath of fidelity."

"Yes, yes," we shouted, "we will not fight our own people!"

"The Germans then tried to force us, but we lay down and fought and struggled against it, and our hands and feet felt they took four of us at a time, and beat us with sticks over our bare bodies. This was done in the presence of the townspeople, who went and called out, 'Enough, you beasts!'

"A Catholic priest in his surprise blessed us with his crucifix. The next day another batch of prisoners arrived and when they refused to dig trenches they received the same treatment."

"Thirty of us were badly beaten that our legs and arms were broken!"

SALVATION ARMY BOY SCOUTS, FIRST IN ST. JOHN, ARE ORGANIZED

The first corps of the Salvation Army boy scouts was organized in St. John last evening. Captain Spooner of Toronto, who has been appointed territorial organizer for eastern Canada, was in charge of the arrangements and presided. The corps starts with twenty-one members under the leadership of Captain Davis, and with headquarters at the Brindley street barracks. The organization is similar to the Baden-Powell Boy Scout movement but the members specialize in life saving work and are called Life Saving Scouts. In addition to the work for others, the members are instructed with a view to saving themselves morally.

"During his stay in St. John Captain Spooner will organize other corps at the various army barracks."

WANTS BUTTER AND EGGS TO BE DUTY FREE

Suggestion at Montreal Chamber of Commerce Meeting in Interest of Consumers

Montreal, Nov. 25.—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, Adelard Fortin came out strongly in favor of having action taken by the Chamber de Commerce in union with other such bodies, to appeal to the federal government to remove the duties on butter and eggs imported into Canada with a view of having cheaper prices for the consumer.

He said that the prices of eggs and butter at present in the United States and Canada were the same, except that the cost of duty was added to these commodities in Canada. A removal of the duties would mean a lowering of the price, and would not injure the farmer, for it was not he who was getting the benefit of the high price, but certain groups who cornered the supplies and reaped only a certain quantity each week for public consumption.

WERE NEARLY CARRIED OVER PITCH AT FALLS

Mill Crew in Disabled Boat Managed to Reach Shore by Using Seats as Paddles

Residents of Indian town were given a scare early this morning, when they heard cries for help coming from somewhere out on the river. It was later learned that a crew of men coming from Baber's mill had been in a disabled motor boat and were slowly being carried towards the falls.

About five o'clock Captain John White took his motor boat and went to the mill to bring the night crew to the city. While approaching Indian town the engine broke down and Mr. White was unable to get it started again. A strong current was running and the boat was carried towards the falls. Orders for help became frantic when the men thought of the result if they went over the falls.

As there was no help available and no cars in the boat, the men were up the seats and began frantically to paddle towards Marble Cove. The current kept carrying them down, but eventually they forced the craft towards the wharf at Murray & Gregory's mill, just above the falls, and landed in safety.

YORK COUNTY MAN OF 26TH ONE OF SIX BROTHERS IN WAR

Frederick, N. B., Nov. 25.—Lance Corporal Charles Darcus of the machine gun section of the 26th Battalion, whose home is in Kingsclear, York County, is one of six brothers now in khaki. They are sons of S. J. Darcus of Kingsclear, Ireland, and four of them enlisted in Canada. The Dublin Evening Mail recently published portraits of the six. They are Corp. S. J. Darcus, 19th Canadian Battalion; Lance Corp. D. J. Darcus, 8th Canadian Mounted Rifles; Lance Corp. Charles Darcus, 26th Battalion; Private T. D. Darcus, 89th Battalion; Cyclist E. Darcus, Army Service Corps; and Private T. D. Darcus, Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

THE ITALIANS HAVE SCORED ANOTHER GAIN

Rome, via Paris, Nov. 25.—An important victory for the Italians was scored yesterday, when Austrian trenches between the fourth summit of Monte San Michele and the church of San Martino were taken by storm and held in spite of desperate counter attacks.

Cuban War Honor

Paris, Nov. 25.—Roger Bahian, 4 Cuban, who has been serving as driver of an American ambulance, has been decorated with the military cross and commended in army orders for "having served with great devotion for several months, particularly distinguishing himself April 29, on the occasion of a German gas attack and during the bombardment of..."

French Report

Paris, Nov. 25.—At the war office this afternoon, the following statement was given out:

"In the Artois sector in Lorraine, there was fighting last night with hand grenades in several districts. Our artillery directed an effective fire against machine gun emplacements in the region of the Valleray, in the Somme, and in the region of Roze, at the station at Beauvaisnes, and at Laucourt."

"On the front there was the usual artillery fighting."

REDMOND TO THE KING AS PRISONER

Sentry Would Not Let Him Pass To Call on Albert of Belgium

London, Nov. 25.—It develops from special despatches from the British headquarters in France that John Redmond, Irish leader, was taken as a prisoner to visit King Albert. The last day of his trip was allotted to his inspection of the Belgian lines. As Mr. Redmond's automobile containing himself and his son arrived at the junction of the Belgian lines, a sentry refused to allow it to pass on the ground that Mr. Redmond's papers were not in order.

Mr. Redmond protested vainly. Finally the difficulty was solved by Mr. Redmond suggesting that he be put under arrest and escorted to headquarters by an armed soldier sitting behind the driver, to headquarters.

Once at headquarters, an earnest conversation with King Albert was enjoyed. He assured the king, as has been previously stated, that the Irish people never would enter into any peace until Belgium was liberated.

Later Mr. Redmond visited Neuport and several shell-devastated towns along the Belgian front.

THE 6TH MOUNTED RIFLES

A letter from Signaller E. A. Belding of the 6th Mounted Rifles, dated "Somewhere in France," Oct. 31, says:—"I can well expect to be in action before this week is out. At least we hope so. We do not like being here within sound of the guns and not being able to see what is going on. Today I hunched up the lat field ambulance and saw Millin, Nobles, Bob Garnett, Kelly of Fairville, and Orr, who used to be with me in the Bank of N. B., and several other St. John boys. They regret exceedingly the death of Major Duval. "Our brigade will be attached to the 1st Division under the command of our own Gen. Alderson, and like his looks. We have been here a week now, and living in a barn. It is our first experience in the Hotel de Barn. Our boys are all well, but sick of route marches. Probably this week will see our debut in the trenches, and then, I hope, our route marching days are over. We can appreciate, now that we are here, the work of the boys who have gone before. Do the recruits still lag behind? The trenches are marked with name and date of death. Those killed in the trenches are buried up there. There is certainly lots of rain in this country, and I find my rubber coat very useful."

Signaller Belding wrote that he had received letters and a box, which shows that the mail service is fairly good, as they had not been long in France, and the mail followed them quickly.

SUSPECT FIREBUG AT WORK IN SUMMERSIDE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 25.—Fire broke out in a shed of R. T. Holman, Ltd., Summerside, last night and twenty tons of hay were destroyed and several thousand bags of salt ruined by water. As this is the second fire in Holman property within three weeks it is regarded as the work of an incendiary.

ASSESSMENT FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

The proposal to undertake the greater part of the burden of financing the Patriotic Fund for this district by taxation instead of voluntary contributions will receive serious consideration at the next meeting of the municipal council, which probably will be held during the second week of December.

At the last meeting of the council a vote of \$25,000 for patriotic purposes was suggested and referred to the finance committee for consideration. The committee approved and their recommendation will be laid before the council at the coming meeting.

It is felt by some of the members that this is but a start and that the matter will require more radical action if the community and municipality is to do its full share in caring for the soldiers' families and that it will be necessary to consider some plan for assessing the taxpayers to meet the requirements of the fund.

RUSSIAN ESCAPES FROM A SUBMARINE

Marseilles, Nov. 25.—The Russian freight steamer "Odessa" arrived here today and reported she had been pursued by a submarine. She escaped owing to her superior speed and the roughness of the sea. The "Odessa," 4,273 tons gross, was last reported leaving Marseilles on October 28 for Saloniki.

NEW YORK THANKSGIVING DAY IN INSTITUTIONS

New York, Nov. 25.—More than 8,000 Thanksgiving dinners were served to those in public institutions here today.

W. H. FAIRALL LOSES COUSIN IN THE WAR

News Comes in Letter of Sympathy to J. S. Knowles

W. H. Fairall, formerly of St. John, writing from New York to J. S. Knowles a letter of sympathy concerning the death of his son, says:—"I have just received word of the death of a cousin, who has been in the trenches for the last nine months, and the young man who has been representing our business in England for some two or three years, has also been killed within the last few weeks. I have also two nephews at the Dardanelles, who have not been heard from for months."

Mr. Knowles has also received a letter of sympathy from his old friend, J. W. Bengough, widely known author, lecturer, and cartoonist.

Mr. Fairall enclosed in his letter to Mr. Knowles the following poem:—

IN MEMORY OF MY SON
Young as the youngest who donned the coat of us had on life belts.

"Our boat was not properly lowered, being suspended from one davit, and for some time we were hanging on for dear life. Finally the rope was cut and all plunged into the sea, but fortunately most of us had on life belts.

"We were swamped again and again, until we were exhausted. It was pitiful to see nurses and soldiers tiring in their frantic struggles, finally releasing their hold on the gunwale of the boat and then slowly sinking."

NURSES AND SOLDIERS SENT TO DEATH WHEN MARQUETTE WAS HIT

New Zealand Sisters, Reaching London, Tell Thrilling Story of Mediterranean Experience

London, Nov. 25.—Nursing sisters from New Zealand, who have arrived in London, tell a thrilling story of their experiences as the result of the torpedoing of the steamship Marquette in the Mediterranean, on October 28. Three sisters who are connected with the New Zealand hospital unit at Fort Salis, left Alexandria aboard the Marquette, October 19, accompanied by several English soldiers.

"Scarcely had we sighted a periscope," said one of the sisters, "when a terrific explosion occurred, and the Marquette began to list immediately. Some of the boats hung perpendicularly, spilling their occupants into the sea.

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LETTERS COMING NOW FROM MEN OF 55TH

A letter describing his trip across to England with the 55th Battalion, was received from Pte. M. J. Dooley by his grandmother, Mrs. D. MacDonald, 168 Union street. It said that he and the other St. John boys had arrived safely and in good health. He said that the battalion moved into quarters at Bramshott Camp, Ziphook, Hants, England, where there were many other soldiers quartered.

Mrs. Thomas Andrews of Erin street, has received a letter from her husband who crossed with the 55th Battalion to England. He speaks of meeting some St. John men he knew, among them Albert Gorman and James Wolfe.

WEAVER-MORRIS

At the residence of Mrs. R. Jennings, 284 City Line, West St. John, last evening, Rev. W. H. Sampson united in marriage the only daughter of John Morrish, Caroline Louisa, to Arthur R. Weaver. The bride, who was given away by her father, was becomingly attired in white nixon and carried a bouquet of white carnations. F. W. Weaver of Douglas Harbor, Queens county, acted as best man. He is a brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were the recipients of many useful presents. They will reside at 80 Gullford street, West St. John, and the best wishes of their friends are extended to them in their new life.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Patrick Brown took place this morning from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. David Howard, 619 Main street, to St. Peter's Church, where solemn requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Francis Hogan, C. S. S. R., as deacon and Rev. P. C. O'Hara, C. S. R., as sub-deacon. Interment took place in the old Catholic cemetery. Six grandsons were pallbearers. The funeral was largely attended.

The funeral of H. Adam Glasgow took place this afternoon from his late residence, 71 Albert street, West St. John. Burial services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Scovill and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

RANCHER KILLS THREE CHILDREN AND HIMSELF

Baker, Ore., Nov. 25.—George L. Huffman, a rancher near Frairie City, killed his three daughters—four, six, and eight years old—away from their mother last night, sat them in a row on a bed and gave each a capsule containing a quick acting poison. Then he took a capsule himself.

When Mrs. Huffman entered the room, all were dying and soon afterwards they expired.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stuart, part, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—An elongated depression stretches from Texas to Lake Superior and an amount of importance is situated to the southward of Sable Island. Fair weather prevails generally in the domain.

Fair

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northeast to north, fair in west parts, rain or sleet in Cape Basin.

SAYS MORE CAME THAN THEY HAD EXPECTED

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Authorities of the health department and of the military hospitals commission, spoken to today in regard to complaints of improper handling and treatment of returning soldiers at Quebec last week, denied many of the allegations, but admitted that there was some difficulty.

"The whole trouble," said Secretary Scammell of the hospitals commission, "is the fact that, whereas we had provided to take care of 200 men, the British authorities sent us more than 600. It is but natural that this congestion should be productive of some confusion and a measure of delay and inconvenience."

THANKSGIVING APPEAL BY PRESIDENT WILSON FOR WORK OF RED CROSS

Washington, Nov. 25.—Officials today looked for generous responses to President Wilson's Thanksgiving appeal to Americans for contributions to the Red Cross to enable it to continue the work of alleviating the suffering throughout the European war zone.

The appeal recites the urgent need of funds to assure the Red Cross against the curtailment or discontinuance of its relief work and adds that the amount now in its treasury will suffice for only a few weeks. Of the \$1,000,000 war relief fund received by the Red Cross, only \$20,000 remains to meet the pressing demands of the winter. To permit the work to cease, the appeal says, "is unthinkable."

RAISE STANDARD OF HEIGHT FOR THE GRENADEER GUARDS

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Owing to the rapid manner in which recruits are coming in for the Grenadier Guards, Brigadier General Meighen has decided to raise the standard of height from five feet five inches to five feet seven inches, for future recruits, with corresponding sixth requirements.