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Again Nearing a Crisis The Balkan Situation

Enemy Likely To Cross Border To Attack on Greek Soil Germans Notify Greece—An Intimation That Bulgarians, Too, Will Invade Greek Territory

London, Dec. 18.—Germany has threatened to expel the Entente Allies from Saloniki, according to the Times Athens correspondent.

"Replying to Greek diplomatic representations which had as their aim the preventing of the entry of Austro-German troops in Greece," says the correspondent, "the German minister declared that the fortifications which the entente allies are constructing at Saloniki would compel Germany to take action to drive out the allied forces."

"Premier Skoufodis rejoined that in no case would Greece allow Bulgarian troops to set foot on Greek soil."

"The ministers of the quadruple entente called again on the previous yesterday regarding the facilities demanded for the Entente allied troops in Macedonia. The German minister called on M. Skoufodis at noon today."

"The French and British troops have settled north of Saloniki and entrenching is being carried on vigorously. The Bulgarians continue inactive at the Serbo-Greek frontier. Their number is estimated at 100,000. It is confirmed that the Greek and Bulgarian governments are in accord to create a neutral zone a mile and a quarter wide on each side of the boundary line, so as to avoid incidents between the pickets of the two armies."

"Information is still contradictory as to what the German army, which invaded Serbia, is now doing. According to reports, which are probably true, German forces are leaving Serbia for the front—Russian, Roumanian and, in part French—but, according to other information, the Austro-Germans are preparing to attack the allies in Greece with support of the Bulgarians, whose halt at the frontier is only temporary."

STEP NEARER TO THE CRISIS London, Dec. 18.—The threat that the German minister at Athens is said to have made to the effect that Germany would be compelled to take action to drive the allies out of Greece if the fortification of that country continued, brings the Balkan development a step near a crisis.

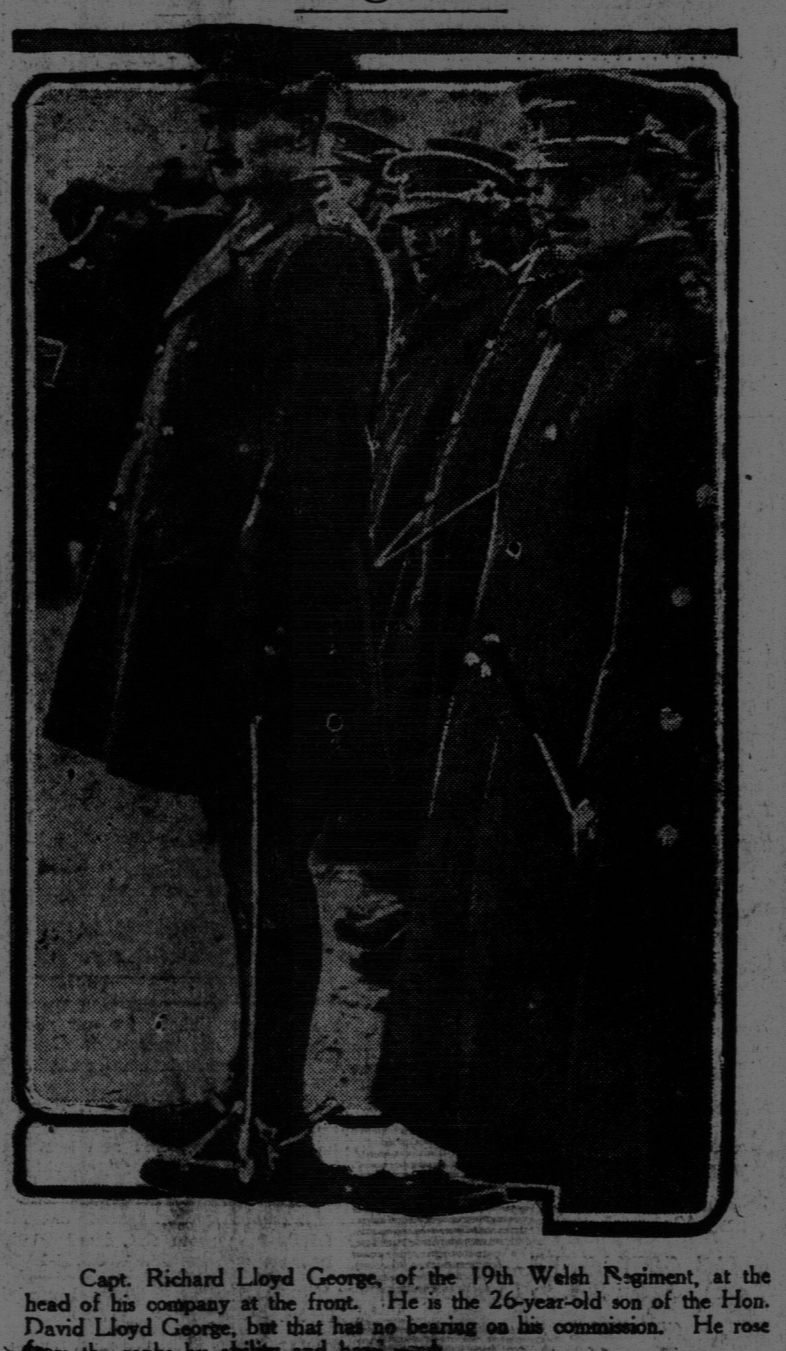
How soon the Austro-Germans will cross the Greek frontier will apparently depend upon how soon they are able to collect sufficient troops.

THE LAW REGARDING SALE OF LIQUOR TO SOLDIERS Inspector Jones has been receiving numerous enquiries concerning the law regarding the sale of liquor to soldiers.

SOUVENIRS FROM THE BATTLELANDS Mrs. W. Notwell of Moore street, received some very pretty souvenirs from her husband who is a member of the Army Service Corps somewhere in France.

COMING IN WELL FOR THE 145TH Moncton, N. B., Dec. 18.—At a meeting of temperance people here last night, Moncton Branch of the Dominion Temperance Alliance was formed.

Distinguished Son Of Distinguished Father



Capt. Richard Lloyd George, of the 19th Welsh Regiment, at the head of his company at the front. He is the 26-year-old son of the Hon. David Lloyd George, but has no bearing on his commission. He rose from the ranks by ability and hard work.

WRITES LITTLE MISS IN APPRECIATION OF GIFT OF SOCKS A most appreciative letter has been received from the trenches by little Miss Nettie Dykeman, daughter of E. P. Dykeman of 63 Douglas avenue, in reply to a note which she enclosed in a pair of socks which she contributed on "sock day" last spring.

ANOTHER ARREST IN MUNITIONS CASE New York, Dec. 18.—Detectives following the trail of plotters seeking to destroy ships bearing ammunition to the allies today arrested Frederick Schindler, a clerk in the National City Bank whom they charge with larceny of documents, telegrams and messages which it is alleged, he turned over to the representatives of the German government.

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Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Representative liberals from all parts of Canada will gather in Ottawa on Monday, to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and discuss questions of vital moment to Canada.

"War" caused an abandonment of the general convention plan. However, the leaders feel that, with war, conditions have so changed that both the political parties of Canada must plan for the future, so that the people may most speedily be relieved of the burden of taxation and the disorganization of business which the war is causing.

DECLINES TO SETTLE HIS SUBSCRIPTION; THE Y. M. C. A. SUES HIM

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—The following special despatch from Winnipeg deals with a test case, the outcome of which will be watched with a good deal of interest.

G. H. Nicholson, formerly of Hamilton, of the Clarendon Hotel refuses to pay a promised subscription of \$300 to the Y. M. C. A. The case was heard in the Appeal Court and the decision was reserved. If Mr. Nicholson wins the case the Y. M. C. A. is to lose \$300,000.

"NAVY POET" TO WED GRAND NIECE OF CARDINAL London, Dec. 1.—(Correspondence)—Patrick McGill, who began life as a laborer, came into fame as the author of "Children of the Dead End," and lately distinguished himself by bravery at Loos, will have a wedding in London that many aristocrats would envy.

WHITING HOUSE WEDDING AND ALSO CHRISTENING Washington, Dec. 18.—The wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt, overshadowed in interest today affairs of state and the ceremony is to be solemnized in Mrs. Galt's home tonight.

LOCAL NEWS OF THE SOLDIERS The fitting of the agricultural hall at the exhibition building grounds is going on most satisfactorily. Some sixty men are at work and at the latter part of next week, it is expected, the quarters will be ready for occupancy.

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GOMPERS BEFORE THE GRAND JURY

Indictments Expected in Matter of Conspiracy Against Munition Factories

New York, Dec. 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, will arrive in New York on Monday morning and will be called before the federal grand jury which is investigating the Franz von Rintelen conspiracy to bring about strikes in munition factories.

Four other witnesses from the west will be examined, but the identity of these men is closely guarded. The grand jury will probably conclude its work by Wednesday. It is expected that indictments against at least six men will be handed down.

Indictments will be sought against Von Rintelen, but this will be merely a legal form, as the German agent is at present a prisoner in England, and no steps are contemplated looking to his extradition.

ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH PLOT TO DESTROY THE WELAND CANAL

New York, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Charged with conspiring in a military enterprise to destroy the Welland Canal, three men are under arrest here today, waiting arraignment before a United States commissioner, while a fourth man is in the custody of government authorities. Those under arrest are—

Paul Koenig, formerly head of the bureau of investigations of the Hamburg-American Line, who, it is charged, has been the head of the German secret service in the United States since the beginning of the war.

Richard E. Lovenheimer, a retailer of art goods in this city, a naturalized American, alleged to have been employed by Koenig.

Frederick Metzler of Jersey City, reported to have been a clerk in the office of these documents, the detectives say gave information as to which ships bore ammunition across the sea. Schindler is also alleged to have given information to the German representatives as to what firms were manufacturing war supplies in this country, and also the amount of money placed in certain banks to the credit of the allies.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR INTERNED ALIEN FOES

Government Will Provide Special Rations and Holiday For War Captives

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Some sort of Christmas celebration, with special rations and no work, will be allowed the 7500 prisoners of war at the various internment camps this year, the same as last. In many cases the people of nearby communities helped to provide a Christmas dinner. Some of the camps will have Christmas trees, according to the custom of prisoners in their native land. Austrians and Germans in the United States have been sending over little comforts from time to time to their fellow countrymen interned here. They have also sought sometimes to send liquor but the authorities have rightly shied down on that suggestion. The Bulgarian prisoners of war in Canada do not number more than 200. Many left the country before war broke out and the rest are considered peaceable and harmless.

USING ENEMY U-BOATS IN BALTIC OPERATIONS

London, Dec. 18.—British submarines which have played so much havoc in the Baltic, include ex-German U-boats operated by British crews. The German patrol boats having failed to discover the real identity of these craft when they passed through the sound. In this connection Mr. Montagu says: "The British public... little realizes what part in the sudden reversal of the submarine situation has been played by the brilliant coup of the British Admiralty in capturing and making use of a valuable flotilla of U-boats, the pride of von Tirpitz, and the Kaiser."

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA WILL ESTABLISH BANKS

Radical Move Made to Give Money Aid to the Farmers

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—The Manitoba government has decided to use \$3,000,000 of trust funds deposited in local banks as loans to farmers. It is now allowing 3 per cent but the bank threatens to reduce it to 2 per cent, having all the money they require at present.

THE WHEAT MARKET Chicago, Dec. 18.—Lightness of world shipments other than from America at Loos, has raised prices today in the wheat market. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-8 to 1-4 off to 1-4 advanced with December 116 3-8 and May at 117 3-4 to 118, were followed by a moderate general uptick.

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