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ITALY NOT SHIRKING HER PART IN WAR, REPLY TO ALLIED CRITICISMS

Her Army Only One That Has Retained Offensive at All Times, Declares Official Announcement by Government—Explains Difficulties of Mountain Fighting, but Says the Austrian Line Will Be Broken.

(Special Dispatch.) Rome, Saturday.—The statements and lines made in many quarters that Italy has not done her full share in the war have at last brought out a reply from the Italian military authorities. Signor Guglielmo Marconi presided at the question by a publicist designated to Italy from Great Britain, where he had been sent by the Italian government to negotiate for assistance in the matter of merchant shipping.

The Italian authorities intimate that there is reason to believe it is Italy's enemies who have been spreading sarcastic taunts regarding Italian lack of activity in the actual warfare. It is asserted that when Italy's share is measured up it will be found to have been of important proportions.

The official announcement by the government covers the entire military operations of the Italians since they declared war against Austria in May, 1915. It begins by observing that from the daily bulletins of the chief of the general staff the public at large cannot gain an accurate idea of the character of the work as a whole which has been performed.

Italy's Difficult Position. The next section of the Italian line is "sincerely devoted to natural defensive features and leaves an open ground for an invading enemy from the north-east. It must be added, the frontier, which is so admirably defended by nature on the Austrian side, extends for about five hundred miles and provides opportunities at widely separated points for attack on Italy."

When the war broke out Austria, the Italian statement says, immediately began a feverish strengthening of the national defenses of her mountainous frontiers. During the last fifty years and had been constantly strengthened in the form of defensive modern devices in the form of defensive works.

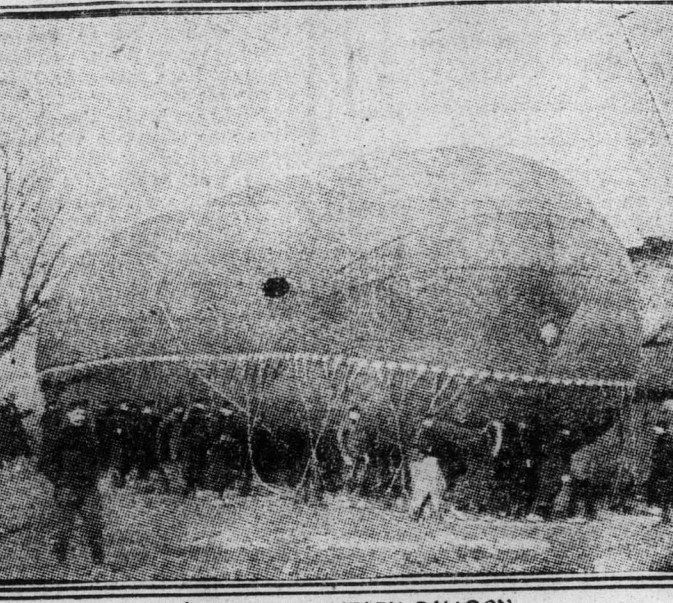
Aggravated by experience acquired in the present war to cut great lines of trenches and to build them with cement and armor-plated wire and other forms of defenses and to hide numerous batteries in machine guns and to prepare trench crabs, to distribute enormous numbers of machine guns and to prepare trench crabs, to distribute enormous numbers of machine guns and to prepare trench crabs, to distribute enormous numbers of machine guns and to prepare trench crabs.

THEY ARE MAKING A HIT IN LONDON

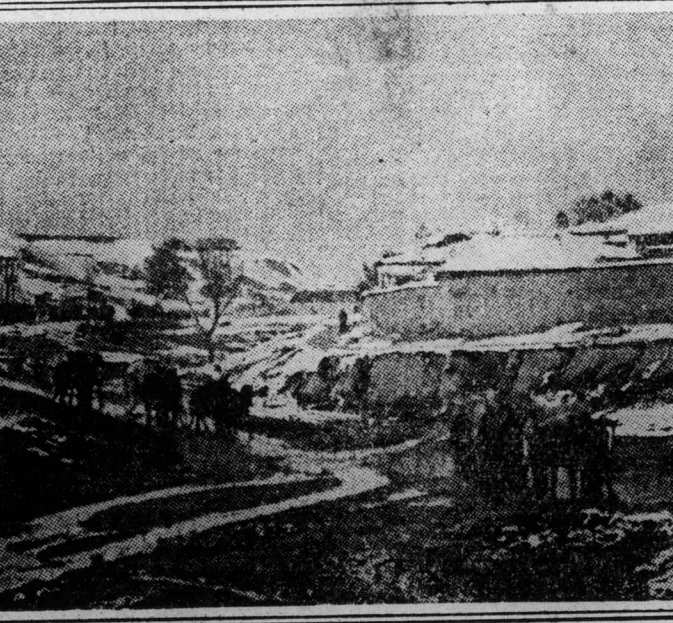


THE NUMBER OF WOMEN CONDUCTORS ON LONDON OMBUSSES IS ON THE INCREASE, AND THEY ARE NOW TO BE MET WITH ON MANY ROUTES. THE WOMEN PERFORM PRECISELY THE SAME DUTIES AS THE MEN AND PUNCH TICKETS WITH ALMOST THE SAME PRECISION. THE ENGLISH PEOPLE REGARD THESE NEW CONDUCTORS WITH GREAT FAVOR.

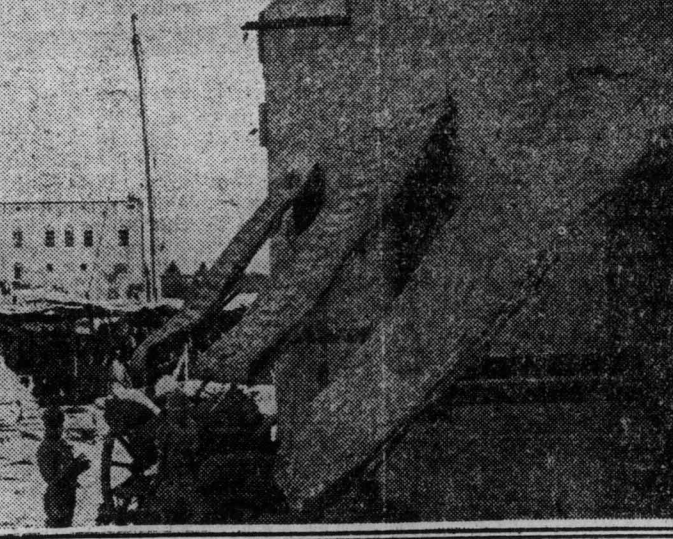
USED TO OBSERVE THE ENEMY



ABOVE IS SHOWN A TYPE OF MILITARY BALLOON IN USE BY BOTH THE FRENCH AND BELGIAN ARMIES. THESE EGG-SHAPED AIR CRAFT ARE USED FOR PURPOSES OF OBSERVATION AND ARE SAID TO BE MORE PRACTICAL FOR THIS USE THAN THE SPHERICAL BALLOONS.



ALLIES' TRANSPORT ENTERING SALONIKA AFTER A SNOWFALL.



STORES AND FOODSTUFFS ON THE WHARF AT AMARA. NOW THAT THE BRITISH FORCES WORKING ALONG THE TIGRIS ARE OPERATING BEYOND AMARA THE WAR VESSELS WHICH FORMERLY ASSISTED THE TROOPS HAVE BEEN SUPERSEDED. THE VESSELS THAT CAN NOW GIVE ASSISTANCE ARE STEAM LAUNCHES WITH GUNS ON THEM—FLAT-BOTTOMED PADDLE STEAMERS. THE LOCAL SAILING VESSELS ARE USED FOR THE TROOPS, IN ADDITION TO THE LONG, NARROW, SMALL, CANOE-SHAPED CRAFT HOLDING FIFTEEN TO TWENTY MEN.

Von Hindenburg Had Nice Party, Even if the Beer Was Frozen Solid

Severity of Russian Winter Upsets Some of the Arrangements German Field Marshal Had Made for Entertainment of His Staff.

(Special Dispatch.) Berlin, Saturday.—The Leipzig's Neue Nachrichten prints a letter from its correspondent on the Russian front, telling of the sufferings of the German troops from the intense cold, and relating how the zero weather spoiled Field Marshal von Hindenburg's efforts to entertain his staff.

Not Easy To Be Neutral in Greece, Says Writer

Correspondent of Paris Figaro Tells of Indignities Offered to Allies and Venizelists, While Pro-Germans Are Allowed Wide Liberty in Speech and Press.

(Special Dispatch.) Paris, Saturday.—From Salonica the Paris Figaro has received an interesting letter, which is published under the heading, "What Greece Calls Benevolent Neutrality." The letter comes from a well informed person and reads as follows:—

"To be an Ententeist or Venizelist is a crime hereabout. Such is the kind of benevolent neutrality Greece is maintaining toward us. That is, unfortunately, no exaggeration, and to prove it I will cite a few examples."

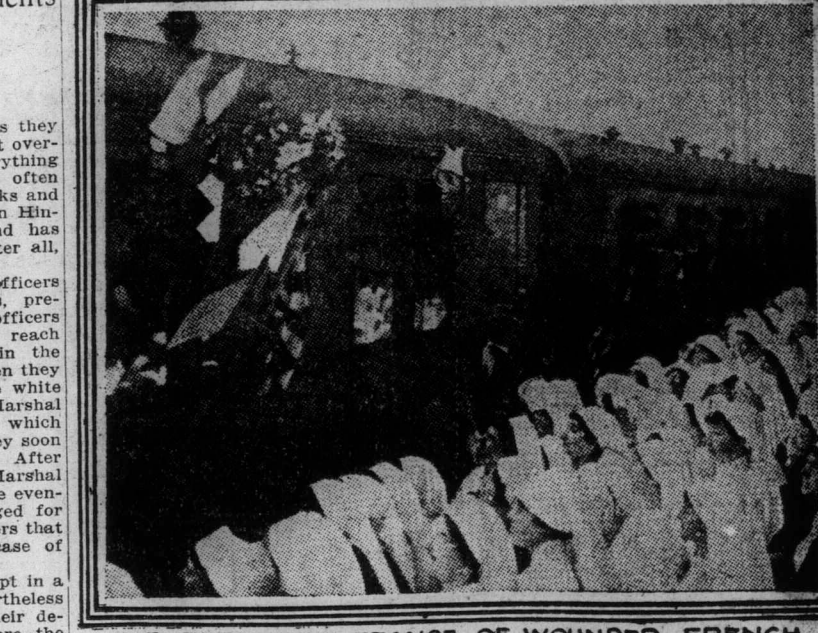
"I assisted recently at a trial in Salonica of two journalists—Mr. Ruben, manager of the Opinion, a publication in the French language, and Mr. Levandis, manager of the Macedonia. They were being prosecuted for having published an account, very creditable to Greece, which told how some Greek troops had dispersed a band of Bulgarian commandos at Caradjoon. It had been a fierce fight, in which the Greeks had lost many men in killed and wounded, and in order not to excite the public mind too much the editors decided to suppress all news about the event. Consequently, the two Entente newspapers which had mentioned the affair were prosecuted."

Several officers among them Colonel Z. have been retired because they dared to telegraph their congratulations to Mr. Venizelos on his birthday. Captain Y. received four days' imprisonment for having received an account of a mishap to two German aviators, brought down after a combat in the air, to the French military district where the French command for this act. Captain C. was compelled to notify two officers of the French army in distress that the latter's aeroplane had already been repaired and that they should depart from the place of the accident, which was an absolute falsehood. Colonel H. once gave orders that a certain village should be followed by several police agents, who later furnished secret reports of the conduct of the officers and acts of the two Frenchmen. General G. demanded of some French officers on a mission for their commander a written declaration specifying the purpose of their journey, although these men had already presented to him their service credentials properly countersigned by the Greek authorities.

Man Made Famous by Writing the German Official War Bulletins

(Special Dispatch.) Berlin, Saturday.—Colonel Maximilian Ritter von Hoen is the chief of the German press headquarters. He is the man who writes the official German war communiqués and reports that are flashed over the world. Though his name seldom if ever appears, he is one of the best known military figures in the German empire, and German newspapers speak of the work he is doing as of such importance that it will only be appreciated after the war is over.

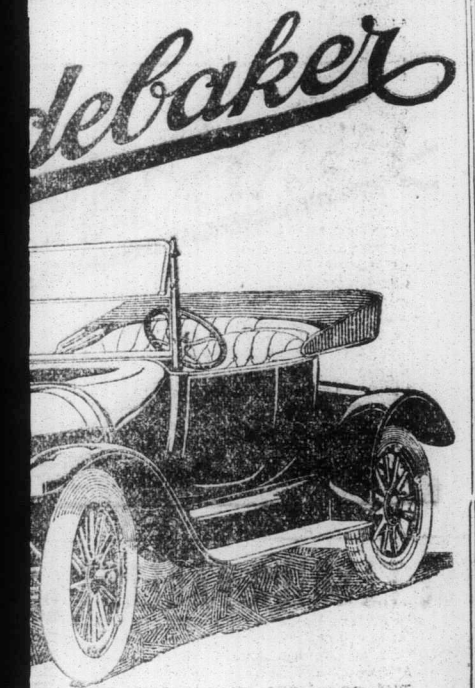
WHEN THEY RETURNED WITH THE SCARS OF BATTLE



THE RETURN TO FRANCE OF WOUNDED FRENCH SOLDIERS FROM GERMANY. WHEN A TRAINLOAD OF WOUNDED FRENCH SOLDIERS WHO WERE EXCHANGED FROM GERMANY THROUGH SWITZERLAND ARRIVED IN PARIS THE WHOLE OF THE HOSPITAL STAFF LINED UP ON THE PLATFORM TO CHEER THE MUTILATED WARRIORS.



the only possibility of national well-being in a strong central authority, in firm and unyielding administration, and in an absolutist rule. Yet his appointment shows that in the opinion of official quarters he will prove acceptable to the Duma, as M. Goremykin has not, for having hitherto been out of the political arena he has no responsibility for any overt act of that body.



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