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SUPREME CRISIS AT GREEK CAPITAL GREEK BATTLESHIPS SEIZED AND CREWS REMOVED HORDE OF KURDS CUT TO PIECES BY COSSACKS

ROMANIANS HAVE RETIRED TO STRONG POSITIONS IN PASS TO HOLD BACK MASSIVE ATTACK

Fighting of Brilliant Character Continues For the Passes of Transylvania, Rumanians Making Orderly Retirement To Points Where Stupendous Teuton Drive Can Be Stopped.

(Canadian Press.)

Bucharest, Oct. 17.—Via London, 4:31 p.m.—Austro-German attacks in Transylvania have been repulsed by the Rumanians, the war office announced today. The Rumanians are holding their positions west of the frontier.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 17.—The London Times' correspondent with the Rumanian forces telegraphs: "Rumanian troops west of Brasso (Kronstadt), began an orderly retirement from their positions on the evening of October 3, passing Brasso during the night. Today they are taking up positions in the foothills, defending the entrance to the Federal Pass. This movement represents a redistribution in order to shorten the line, and is not the slightest degree forced by any local necessity.

AN ORDERLY RETIREMENT.

"With the long western front which the Rumanians had to defend in the face of the increasing numbers of Teutons, it was deemed wisest not to expose the advanced positions to any sudden manœuvres. During the retirement the Germans were not even in touch with the Rumanian troops, and the movement has been made quietly and entirely without panic or the smallest demoralization among the Rumanians.

IN STRONG POSITION.

"I have personally seen the positions now being taken, which are about twelve miles from the summit of the range. The nature of the country is such that the Rumanians should hold it. While the situation at present does not present any acute aspects, and there is not the slightest panic, it emphasizes the potential menace which the massive of heavy German strength against the Rumanians might involve."

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 17.—The latest dispatches from Bucharest show that fighting of an extremely bitter character is still going on at the Transylvanian passes. According to news dispatches, the Rumanian retreat from Transylvania was chiefly due to the heavy guns of the Austro-Germans which outranged the Rumanian artillery.

Military experts direct attention chiefly to the Federal and Buzau passes, the former leading directly to the valuable oilfields of Prahova Valley.

USED A SUBTERFUGE TO SECURE FUNDS FOR CON. CAMPAIGN

Untrue Documents Made Out, Counsel Tells Galt Commission.

ROGERS AND THE FACTS

Phillips Says Minister's Evidence Does Not Square With Actualities.

(Canadian Press.)

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—Hugh Phillips, counsel for the Government in the investigation before the Galt commission in the Agricultural College, testified this morning his argument on the evidence taken on the Carter contracts. Speaking of the payment of \$50,000 by W. H. Carter to D. E. Sprague for the Conservative federal campaign, Phillips said they "adopted the subterfuge of making out untrue documents specifying that the payment was made on account of the Agricultural College."

"Why was the contribution not made openly if there was nothing unusual about it?" asked counsel.

Phillips said Carter must have realized why his contract on the power-house was raised by \$7,500, and the connection between that and the payment by him to Sprague of a total of \$7,500. He characterized as rubbish the suggestion that 48 hours before the federal election \$7,500 was needed for "legitimate expenses."

PHONE PLANT BURNED AT LINDSAY, ONT.

Lindsay, Ont., Oct. 17.—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Machine Telephone Company Automatic Exchange. Three hundred telephone lines were put out of business. A male made the fire a difficult one to cope with. Manager Lee and family, who lived above the exchange, had a narrow escape while getting out over the roof.

TO BOOST FRIENDSHIP

New York, Oct. 17.—Leut. Stephane Lauzanne, formerly editor of the Paris Matin, is here on a mission for the national committee l'effort de la France et des Allies, which has been formed to develop friendship between France and her allies and with her friends. He intends to make a tour of America as far as the Pacific coast, and to remain in this country at least six months.

HEAVY ATTACK ON RUSS LINE NEAR LEMBERG

Is Launched After Bombardments of Great Intensity, Says Petrograd.

SLAVS TAKE PRISONERS

Teutonic Attacks at Junction of Borders Has Been Repelled.

(Canadian Press.)

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—Via London, 1:18 p.m.—Teutonic troops are heavily counter-attacking the Russian lines in the region southeast of Lemberg, the war office announced today. The attacks were launched after bombardments of great intensity in the district north of Korytniza and near Bolechovise, five miles north of Halicz. The Russians took fifty prisoners and one machine gun during the fighting.

In the Carpathians near the junction of the Rumanian, Hungarian and Bukovinian borders, where the Austrian and German forces have assumed the offensive, the Russians repelled all attacks, the statement says.

The Statement.

"During the night of October 16 our scouts conducted a successful reconnoitering operation in the region of the River Nadvia, and attacked an enemy ambush. The hostile troops were put to flight, leaving four killed, including one officer. The body of the German officer was brought in by our scouts.

"In the region south of Skrodo, Col. Ivanovski, the gallant commander of one of our glorious regiments, was wounded seriously.

"In the region of Korytniza and near Bolechovise obstinate fighting continues. The enemy is launching fierce counter-attacks. There is uninterrupted bombardment of great intensity. We captured here one machine gun and fifty prisoners. In the region of Dorna Watra (near the junction of the Rumanian, Hungarian and Bukovina borders) all enemy attacks were repelled."

VICTORY IS CERTAIN FOR THE ENTENTE, STATES MCCLURE

Owner of Pro-German Periodicals Concedes Defeat For Kaiser.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Oct. 17.—Belief that the war has taken a definite turn in favor of the Allies and that their victory must be regarded as certain was expressed by passengers on board the steamship Lafayette, which arrived here yesterday from Bordeaux.

Samuel S. McClure, the editorial policies of whose newspapers are generally regarded as strongly pro-German, returned home apparently convinced that the Allies will emerge from the contest victorious.

When questioned regarding his belief, Mr. McClure said: "Well, you have got to take into consideration the size of the populations of the various nations allied against the Teutonic countries; they have more population and wealth than their adversaries."

A. Platt Andrews, chief inspector of the American Ambulance Corps in France, was another passenger. He hopes to take back with him 50 additional men when he returns to France two months hence. He says the corps now has 112 Harvard men and that 51 American universities and colleges are represented in it. "The Allies have the upper hand in the fighting at the western front," said Mr. Andrews. "The movement of the Allied troops is like clockwork. The officers are able to tell today just where they will be tomorrow. The movement is slow, but nevertheless certain."

KEROVIC REPORTED DEAD IN AN AUSTRIAN PRISON

Was One of the Conspirators Who Plotted Archduke's Murder.

(Canadian Press.)

Berlin, Oct. 17, by wireless to Sayville.—Nedjo Kerovic, one of the conspirators in the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir-apparent to the Austrian throne, in 1914, has died in a military prison, says a report from Sarajevo, Bosnia, given out by the Overseas News Agency.

Three of the conspirators in the assassination of the archduke were executed in February, 1915, and Jakov Zolovic and Nedjo Kerovic were sentenced to imprisonment for life, but it was later commuted to twenty years. Gavrio Princip, the actual assassin, was sentenced to twenty years in prison.

PAYING THE PRICE OF LIBERTY



Advertiser Illustration.

Word was received last week that Pte. Joseph Denham, the taller of the two soldiers in the illustration, has been killed in action, and that Pte. A. G. Cornelius, the smaller, had been wounded.

Pte. Denham was one of the tallest men in the 70th Battalion. He enlisted from Windsor, but was an Englishman by birth.

Pte. Cornelius, whose address is Hill street, this city, was also in the 70th Battalion, and was a close chum of Denham's in Europe. Two other men who made up the quartet of "pals" have been killed, Pte. Cornelius being the only surviving member.

Kurds Decimated By Cossack Charge In Turk Armenia

(Canadian Press.)

Petrograd, Oct. 17.—Heavy cavalry fighting in Turkish Armenia, in which great losses were inflicted by the Russians, is reported by the war office. The following account of operations on the Caucasus front was issued here today.

"In the coastal region our artillery successfully bombarded the port of Bolul.

"Between Hazat and Mamakhatum (50 miles west of Erzerum), Cossacks made a gallant charge on a horde of Kurds far superior in numbers, and repelled them with great losses."

On Painting of Major Ashplant For City Hall

Suggestion of Treasurer Bell Likely To Be Indorsed.

City Clerk Baker, City Treasurer J. S. Bell and City Engineer E. A. Brader this morning received excellent photos of Major W. N. Ashplant, formerly city engineer, who is reported to have been killed at the front.

A proposal has been made to have an oil painting of the major placed in the city hall, the gift of the city hall staff. Mr. Bell made the suggestion, and it will probably be accepted.

MAJOR GORDON SOUTHAM IS KILLED IN ACTION

(Canadian Press.)

Hamilton, Oct. 17.—Word was received here today that Major Gordon Southam, commander of the Hamilton Sportsmen's Battery, son of William Southam, president of the Spectator Printing Company, had been killed in action.

Major Southam was one of Canada's famous football stars and prominent in many other lines of sport.

Major Gordon Southam was a nephew of Richard Southam, formerly of this city, now of Montreal.

GERMAN PAPER BANNED FOR BREMEN REFERENCES

London, Oct. 17.—According to the Vossische Zeitung, says a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam today, the commander of the 2nd German Army Corps has forbidden the publication of the Pommerische Tagespost for printing an article entitled "Destruction of the Bremen." The German commercial submarine. After the article appeared the newspaper received a warning for violating the censorship regulations.

It is now established, it is added, that the news of the destruction of the Bremen was incorrect.

Allies Throw Troops Into Athens; Strong Note Handed to Government; Constantine Hurries to the Capital

JOFFRE'S GRIP IS TIGHTENED; HAIG IN RAIDS

French Capture Another Group of Houses in Salliy-Saillisel.

BRITISH TAKE TRENCHES

Tommies Active North of the Ancre—Patrols Busy in Macedonia.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Oct. 17.—12:30 p.m.—Another group of houses in the village of Salliy-Saillisel, on the Somme front, was captured last night by the French, the war office announces. A strong German counter-attack was repulsed.

BRITISH TAKE TRENCHES.

London, Oct. 17.—12:46 p.m.—"Enemy trenches were entered by us west of Serre, north of the Ancre River," says today's official account of operations on the front in France. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

IN MACEDONIA.

London, Oct. 17.—12:40 p.m.—The following official report from the Macedonian front was given out today:

"Patrols have been active on both fronts. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

THE FRENCH REPORT.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Oct. 17.—The French statement follows:

"North of the Somme we occupied a new group of houses in Salliy-Saillisel. The enemy this morning delivered a violent counter-attack and succeeded in penetrating a portion of our front line. An immediate counter-attack entirely drove him out. The number of prisoners made yesterday in the course of our counter-attack was 50. We captured two machine guns.

"South of the River Somme a fresh attack on our positions east of Berry En-Santerre was broken by our fire.

"On the rest of the front there was an intermittent gunfire."

N. W. Rowell, K.C. Will Address the Emergency Corps

Busy, But Cannot Refuse To Assist in Such a Work.

Newton W. Rowell, K.C., will address a mass meeting in this city on the evening of November 9th, under the auspices of the Women's Emergency Corps.

In response to a letter of invitation, written to him last week on behalf of the Women's Emergency Corps of No. 1 Military District, by the corresponding secretary, Miss Noeline Butler, Mr. Rowell says:

"I am a very busy man and have many appointments, but I am so much in sympathy with the aims and work of the Women's Emergency Corps that I cannot refuse."

Mr. Rowell will tell of his recent visit to England and to the front in France, and also of the splendid war service being rendered by the French women and the women of Great Britain. He has been especially invited to come on November 9th, owing to the fact that the West Ontario Women's Institute conference will be brought to a close that day, and a number of delegates from all parts of Western Ontario will still be in the city in the evening.

French and Italian Sailors Take Possession of the Principal Points in Greek Capital, Following Sending of New and Strong Demand To Greek Cabinet—Three Battleships Seized.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 17.—1:35 p.m.—The Entente Allies have taken over the Greek battleships Kilikis, the Lemnos and the Averoff, says Reuter's Athens correspondent.

Allied crews were put on the battleships, the correspondent says, and the Greek crews were landed and sent to Athens.

On October 11 the Allies took over the entire Greek fleet except the Kilikis, Lemnos and Averoff. This measure, it was explained unofficially, was intended to insure the safety of the allied fleet, the movements of which had aroused fears of a disturbance at points where the war vessels of the Allies were anchored.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 17, 12:17 p.m.—Vice-Admiral Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, has handed the Greek Government a new note of an extremely grave character, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens, dated yesterday. Following the presentation of the note, King Constantine, it is added, came to the capital in haste from the royal residence at Tatoi.

The railway stations at Athens and Piraeus, the city hall at the capital, and the Castalla Barracks have been occupied by French and Italian sailors to the number of 1,000, while 150 bluejackets with two machine guns have been stationed in the municipal theatre, according to a Reuter dispatch today from Athens. The city is quiet.

An urgent cabinet council has been summoned. It is officially explained, adds the dispatch, that the detachments landed will assist the police in stopping demonstrations which threaten trouble.

BERLIN READY TO LEAVE FRANCE AND BELGIUM IF GIVEN FREE BALKAN HAND

Would Consider Sacrifice Small One If Able To Retain An Oriental Empire, Says Dr. Theodor—Explains Shift of Principal War Theatre to Near East.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 17.—Dr. E. J. Dillon, in a dispatch from Florence to the Daily Telegraph, says: "It now becomes clear to the dustiest apprehension that, for the time being, at any rate, the principal war theatre has shifted to the Near East, where the Allies are confronted not merely with Bulgars and Turks, but with the troops of the Central Empires commanded by the four best generals—Falkenhayn, Hindenburg, Mackensen, and von Arze."

HUGGING CANADIAN SHORE BECAUSE OF HEAVY GALE

Wireless Says City of Buffalo Is Delayed, But All Right.

(Canadian Press.)

Cleveland, O., Oct. 17.—A wireless message from the passenger steamer City of Buffalo early today relieved Clevelanders, who felt alarmed at the non-appearance of the ship in port from Buffalo on scheduled time.

According to the message, the boat is hugging the Canadian shore because of a heavy gale, but no one is in danger, and arrival is promised in Cleveland this afternoon.

LEGION OF HONOR FOR THE BISHOP OF ARRAS

Prelate An Entire Year Under Fire to Minister to Soldiers.

(Canadian Press.)

Paris, Oct. 17.—Monsieur Emile Lobbey, Bishop of Arras, has been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor for the heroism and devotion with which he remained at his post of duty under fire. The official decree says:

"He remained at Arras, amidst the front lines, from October, 1914, to June, 1915, under a bombardment which was sometimes very violent. He exerted himself unceasingly for the accomplishment of his ministry, visiting the soldiers, burying the dead, assisting ambulances, giving to all a magnificent example of calm sangfroid, energy and duty fully done."