

# JOINT NOTE FROM ALLIES BRINGS ASSURANCES ALLIED TROOPS WILL BE IMMUNE ON GREEK SOIL

## GREECE WILL NEVER RAISE FINGER AGAINST THE ALLIES, PREMIER SKOULOUDIS SAYS

No Pressure from Either Side Can Make Her Abandon Neutrality, but Allies Will be the Favored Ones—Government Reply to Joint Note Understood to Agree That Allies be Not Disarmed, Receive Liberty of Action on Greek Soil and All Necessary Railway Facilities—Formal Guarantee Expected Immediately.

Paris, Nov. 24.—A collective note of the Allies to the Greek government, expressed in friendly spirit and general in character, requests the Greek government, according to an Athens despatch to the Havas Agency, to confirm the assurances already given relative to the position of the Allies' forces on Greek soil. The note asks for the earliest reply possible under the circumstances.

Prior to the presentation of this note, the questions it deals with were discussed at the luncheon given by King Constantine in honor of Denis Cochin, member of the French cabinet. M. Cochin's views were favorably received by the King and no doubt appears to exist, the despatch adds, that the Greek government will supply all the guarantees requested.

TERMS AGREED TO, ATHENS DESPATCH SAYS.  
London, Nov. 25.—The Greek government replied Wednesday to the Allied Powers note, according to a despatch to Reuters Telegram Company, which adds:

"It is understood that the reply agrees not to disarm the Allied forces, gives them liberty of action on Greek territory for their own security and accords railway and telegraphic facilities. The government only makes reservations regarding a further examination of certain details.

"The Allied declaration that any part of the Greek territory occupied by the Allies will be restored in due course, and any justifiable indemnities paid, has favorably impressed the Greek government. The situation is developing as well as that the Greek steamers held up at Malta have been released. Difficulties are no longer placed on the transmission of commercial cables."

DEMANDS MORE MODERATE THAN EXPECTED.  
Paris, Nov. 24.—An Athens despatch to the Havas Agency, dated Tuesday, says:

"After the meeting of the Greek cabinet which considered the joint note of the Allies concerning Greece's attitude toward the Allies troops it was said that the situation had been cleared, the demands of the Entente Powers having been more moderate than was generally looked for in Greece. It is understood that the Allies ask simply that Greece assure the safety of the Allied troops in Macedonia.

"The public has been officially informed that the situation is developing normally."

Paris, Nov. 24.—Premier Skouloudis of Greece, is quoted by the Petit Parisien today as saying that the Allied forces in Macedonia, retreat across the border Greece may disarm them, although the Greek government has not committed itself on this point.

This statement was forwarded from Athens by G. De Maistre, a correspondent of the Petit Parisien. He quotes Premier Skouloudis as follows:

"Greece is neutral and will remain neutral in spite of pressure, no matter from what quarter it is applied. Her neutrality, as it affects the Allies, and France in particular, will be of such a benevolent character that Greece will never lift a finger against the Allied troops. Our friendly attitude toward the Allies is shown by the fact that we have permitted them to pass freely through our territory, which in itself is an infringement of the strictest neutrality.

"Today we are asked to give an engagement that will permit the Allied armies operating in Serbia to re-cross our frontier and use Greek territory as a base and a field of operations. This would constitute active co-operation in the war on our part.

## NEW TAXES TO ENABLE GERMANY TO CONTINUE

Besides 50 p. cent. on War Profits Increase in Income Tax

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 24.—A Berlin telegram to the Cologne Gazette says that the imperial chancellor has summoned the party leaders to a conference before the meeting of the Reichstag, on November 30, in order to discuss proposals for increased taxation, necessitated by the war.

"It is hoped by the conference," the despatch adds, "to avoid public discussion in the Reichstag of the proposed scheme of taxation, to which the strenuous opposition of some members is anticipated. There is a strong current of public opinion in favor of the chancellor outlining Germany's peace terms in his speech opening the new session, when he will review the military, financial and diplomatic situation."

SPREAD FALSE NEWS TO STIR UP TROUBLE

Report of Burning of Teheran Used by Germans to Create Uprising in Persia.

Petrograd, Nov. 24, via London, Nov. 25.—A despatch received here from Teheran says:

"Communication with Kum, was restored yesterday. Major Helstrom, instructor of the Gendarmes, which was responsible for the bloodshed at Hamadan, has resigned. He explains that the conduct of the Gendarmes was due to false news received of anarchy at Teheran, which was reported to have been taken and burned by the Russians, of fighting between Russians and the Gendarmes and Persian Cossacks, and also to the failure of telegraphic communication with Teheran, declaring that they acted under orders from Teheran, issued owing to a reported outbreak of war between Persia and Great Britain and Russia.

EX-MAYOR TO LEAD LONDON, ONT., BATTALION.

London, Ont., Nov. 24.—C. M. R. Graham, former mayor of London, Ontario, stated tonight that he has accepted the command of the new City of London battalion, which was offered him by Sir Sam Hughes personally.

## PREDICTS ENTRY OF ROUMANIA WITH ALLIES

Ex-Cabinet Minister Says Government Favors Intervention and Russia Has Strong Army Ready to Help.

Bucharest correspondent of the Geneva Tribune sends a despatch in which Take Ionescu, former member of the Rumanian cabinet and leader of the Liberal party in Rumania, is quoted as expressing the belief that the Rumanian government, "is desirous of following the national policy and will soon intervene in the war on the side of the Entente Powers."

M. Ionescu, according to this despatch, also said he had learned from Petrograd that a strong Russian force was ready near the Rumanian frontier to aid Rumania against Austria and Bulgaria.

The Rumanian premier, M. Brătianu, in a conversation regarding the relations between Rumania and Russia, is also quoted as saying:

"They are better than ever before."

MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS BY KURDS GOES ON

500 More Refugees Fleeing to Van Cut Down in Their Flight.

London, Nov. 25.—News of further Armenian massacres has reached those in charge of the Lord Mayor's Armenian refugee fund.

WILL SEND CANADIAN EXHIBIT TO SAN DIEGO

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Nov. 24.—Hon. Martin Burrell states that it has been decided to transfer the splendid Canadian exhibit at San Francisco to San Diego, San Diego, which is nearly seven hundred miles south of San Francisco, has been holding an exposition during the past year. The directors have undertaken to give Canada free use of their finest building and to transport the whole of the exhibit free to their city. The San Francisco exhibition closes on December 4.

## BRITISH FORCES ONLY 22 MILES FROM BAGDAD

Captured Town of Ctesiphon, but Retired Few Miles to Secure Water—Zeur Taken

London, Nov. 24.—After the capture of Ctesiphon, eighteen miles from Bagdad and the repulse of a Turkish counter-attack the British forces under Gen. Townshend were compelled to retire three or four miles in order to secure water, according to an official communication issued tonight. The British losses in the fighting for Zeur which also was taken, and Ctesiphon, are calculated at 2,000 men killed or wounded.

The communication says:

"After a night march from Zeur, which had been occupied on the 19th, Gen. Townshend's division attacked the Turkish position at Ctesiphon, eighteen miles from Bagdad, on the 22nd.

"After severe fighting all day the position was captured, together with about 800 prisoners and large quantities of arms and equipment, our own losses being calculated at 2,000 killed or wounded.

"Gen. Townshend's force and the general headquarters bivouacked in the captured position that night. On the night of the 23rd-24th, heavy counter-attacks by the Turks were successfully repulsed, but on the 24th want of water necessitated the retirement of our forces to the river, three or four miles below the captured position."

London, Nov. 24.—There has been a distinct improvement in the diplomatic relations between Greece and the Entente Powers, following on the presentation of a collective note by the representatives of the Allies. The Greek premier is reported to have stated that while Greece put forward theoretical objection to allied troops entering Greek territory and using it as a virtual base she would not raise a finger against them. All that the Allies are now waiting for is a guarantee that Greece will carry out this assurance.

On the military side the Balkans, on the other hand, especially so far as the Serbian northern army is concerned, the situation has grown graver. Austro-German and Bulgarian troops, operating in three separate columns, have entered Kosovo Plain, where the Serbians were expected to make their last stand, and have occupied Mitrovitza, the latest Serbian capital, as well as Pristina and at one point, at least, have driven the Serbians across the Sitnica river, which drains the valley.

Although the Serbians might make a stand between the valley and the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers, they will be at a great disadvantage, owing to their inability to get munitions and supplies, while their opponents will have virtually everything they require.

The Serbians on the Katchanik frontier, and also on the southwest corner of their country continue to hold back the invaders, as do the Anglo-French forces in the southeast. The Russians are reported to have prepared an army of 350,000 for operations in the Balkans, but the point at which they will strike has not been indicated.

## ENEMY PUSHED BACK ALONG RIGA FRONT

Driven Back at Several Points By Czar's Forces.

Petrograd, Nov. 24, via London, Nov. 25.—The following communication was issued from general headquarters today:

"On the Riga front, in the region west of Lake Kanger, the Germans were again obliged to retire at several points. Before the southern extremity of Dalen Island the Germans attacked yesterday morning and occupied Borsemunde Farm. Reserves, who were hurried up, enabled us to counter-attack and re-occupy the farm.

"The same day one of our newly formed Lithuanian regiments, by an impetuous attack on the enemy, again displayed the greatest courage.

"On the left bank of the Dvina, north of Iloukts, we occupied, after an engagement, the Janopol Farm.

"Below Drinsk there was an artillery duel. We repulsed, by our fire, a German counter-attack on the trenches north of Lake Sventen, which we had previously taken.

"The other sectors of the front, from the Gulf of Riga to the Pripet river, are quiet.

"On the left bank of the Stry, in the region of the village of Novo Podcherevitchi, there have been fierce skirmishes: an engagement near the village of Kozlinitchi continues.

"The remainder of the front, running southward, including Galicia, and the Caucasus is unchanged."

SERBIAN KING TO RULE NATION FROM CETTINJE

Accepts Invitation of Montenegrin Monarch to Make Cettinje His Headquarters.

## EXPLOSION AT PLANT WHERE SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES BEING MADE

Alton, Ill., Nov. 24.—Two wheel-houses at the plant of the Equitable Powder Company, East Alton, blew up this afternoon. No one was hurt. The concussion was felt for twenty-seven miles. Eight thousand pounds of powder were in the two buildings. The cause of the explosion is not known. The Equitable Powder Company is making war supplies for the Entente Allies.

Berlin, Nov. 24, via London.—A despatch to the Berliner Zeitung from Sofia carries the report that King Peter of Serbia has accepted an invitation from King Nicholas of Montenegro to come to Cettinje and rule his country from the Montenegrin capital. The report adds that the Serbian ministers will accompany King Peter from Saloniki.

Premier Salandra Finds Able Ally in Signor Orlando.

Berlin, Nov. 24, by wireless to Sayville.—The Nord Deusch Allgemeine Zeitung publishes an article concerning a speech made at Palermo by Premier Salandra of Italy. Quoting from this article, the Overseas News Agency says:

"Premier Salandra declared: 'I am proud that I won Signor Orlando (Italian minister of justice) as a collaborator. He was unwilling to become a member of the cabinet, but when I informed him that I was about to create a ministry to prepare for war he did not hesitate.'

"The Nord Deusch Allgemeine Zeitung states that this presents proof that Premier Salandra was preparing for war when he formed the cabinet in November, 1914, whereas it has been represented that the decision for war was not reached until last Spring, when the attitude of Austria forced Italy to make the decision."

Export of Iron Ore Prohibited.

Bulletin—London, Nov. 24.—The exportation of cotton wadding, cotton wool and iron ore of all descriptions is prohibited to all destinations by an order-in-council published tonight.

Serbian Seat of Government Moving to Scutari.

Bulletin—Paris, Nov. 24.—The Serbian legation announced today that the Serbian government, which had been located at Pristina, is departing today to Scutari, Albania.