

GERMAN POWER ON DECLINE IS BELIEF OF VENIZELOS

New Battle Ground in Balkans Offers New Favorable Conditions to Allies - Moral Effect of the Allied Victory Would be Tremendous

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Nov. 22.—A cable to the New York Times from London this morning says:

The Daily News prints a mailed despatch from Athens, dated November 5, which gives the following interview with former Premier Venizelos:

"I am not a strategist, but two things seem quite clear to me, first, that the Germans are bound to be conquered in the end, from the fact that the reserves from which they are drawing their resources are much smaller than those at the disposal of the allies. The Germans in fact have already passed the zenith of their strength, though still powerful enough to prolong the struggle for a long time."

"Secondly, it seems to me that this new battleground in the Balkans offers favorable conditions to the allies, their position in the west must be strong enough for them to hold on there and at the same time detach large bodies of troops for use here in the Balkans. It is important that you should cut off Germany from the supplies of men and minerals waiting for her in Turkey."

"The moral effect upon Greece and Roumania of allied success in the Balkans would be considerable. A German reverse in the Balkans, too,

would have most serious effects for them at home. The German people have been promised so much and been so often disappointed, first in Paris and then in Calais, then in the expected surrender of Russia after the taking of Warsaw, and if this new enterprise, with its much trumpeted aim of opening a road to Egypt, turns out another failure, the results in interior Germany may well be disastrous."

M. Venizelos spoke too of the great effect the German propaganda in the Balkans had had upon Greek public opinion.

"Thanks to this propaganda," he said, "A great part of the Greek people, while still ardently desiring the victory of the allies, believe not that Germany will win, but that she has won already."

"I feel the greatest admiration for Sir Edward Grey, but I feel it was a mistake to chill Greek sympathies by offering Kavalla to the Bulgarians without, at any rate, first ascertaining whether they would accept the bribe."

"As for the offer of Cyprus to Greece, the feeling of the mass of the Greek people is that it would be too great a risk to accept Cyprus under conditions of a co-operation which in their opinion might lead to the forfeit of most of the rest of their territory."

Brantford's Bright Pupils

Have Been Photographed

KING EDWARD SCHOOL—DIVISION SIX



BACK ROW—Louie Durand, Edna Hazard, Iva Graham, Lillie Fair, Kitty Parker, Jean Scott, Marie Box, Gladys Elliott, Irene Jolley. THIRD ROW—Albert Lee, Viola Knightley, Margaret Smith, Margaret Lewis, Ada Binkley, Audrey Scidmore, Daisy Dunford, Queenie Haynes, Ethel Eagleton, Helen Morrison, Louie Durand, Bert Lavell. SECOND ROW—Robert Willmet, Stanley Carter, Leslie Weaver, Morley Cunningham, Teddy Horston, Edison Everett, Hilliard, McDerimid, Frank Moore, Theodore Graham, Leslie Brown, Herbert Farrant. FIRST ROW—Harold Preston, George Shoemaker, Gordon Craddock, Harry Court, Fred Billo, Jack Hazard, Percy Kerr, Joseph Lee, James Brooks, Edward Griffith.

ELOQUENT MEMORIAL SERVICE TO THE THREE DEAD HEROES

Pastor of First Baptist Church Last Night Preached Sermon in Memory of Three Former Members Killed by the One Shell, Privates James Lowes, Percy O'Neill and Verner O'Neill.

The choral memorial service in honor of James Lowes, Percy O'Neill and Verner O'Neill at the First Baptist church was very largely attended. Accommodation could not be afforded for all who wished to attend. Many stood throughout the service while others went away disappointed in not being able to secure a sitting.

SPLENDID MUSIC

The musical part of the service was very fine. Mr. Fowlston's "Arm Arm Ye, Brave," from Judas Maccabeus, and "Thou Art Passing Hence" by Sullivan, were very finely rendered, as were also, "The Good Shepherd" by Vandewater, as sung by Mrs. A. O. Secord. The anthems "Far From My Heavenly Home" (Baldwin) with solo by Mr. W. Byers, and "Lead, Kindly Light" (Page-Evans) were beautifully and feelingly sung. The pastor took for his text, Rev. 2: 10: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." He said in part as follows—

THE SERMON

"The war is beginning to come home to us. When the lists of the wounded and dead begin to roll in upon us it is then that we realize that our country is at war more than when we witness the flicker of legs as the boys march to music on their way to the station and are waved a hearty farewell. When we pick up the paper and read there in cold type the names of those we knew, we loved, we cherished high hopes for, have fallen in battle, it is then as never before that we begin to feel the ser-

iousness of the situation and the terrible struggle—life and death struggle—in which our nation is at this time involved. This same shock has come to other cities, to other communities, to other homes, to other churches, and they have felt, as we feel to-night—broken-hearted and sad.

"Never morning wore to evening, But some heart did break."

But I would remind you of the fact that they did not die in vain. The first thought to comfort us is this—they did not die in vain. Surely they died a noble and a heroic death. They did not see the victory for which we all pray, for which we are all making some contribution, for which we are all looking, but they died to make it possible. They did their bit toward this desired end and died doing their duty, to God and to humanity and to their nation. You will recall the familiar lines of the poem:

"It was a summer's evening, Old Casper's work was done And he before his cottage door, Was sitting in the sun. His grandchild has asked him a question re the meaning of the ploughman that day turning out in the furrow a skull—saying 'O tell me all about the war, And what they killed each other for?' To which inquiry old Casper made this answer, 'Such things as these must be After a famous victory.'"

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FIRST RECRUITING MEETING HELD FOR NEW BATTALION

Lieut. Fenton of the 84th and Rev. E. Baker of Colborne Street gave stirring addresses to large audience at Brant Theatre last night.

A fine audience listened to the appeals made last evening for recruits in the Brant Theatre by Lieut. Fenton of the 84th, and Rev. Baker of Colborne St. Methodist Church. Just how successful the meeting was, however, cannot be ascertained until the results are registered in the recruiting stations.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Mr. W. Norman Andrews was chairman, and spoke a few fitting words as an introduction to the program. The country is facing a great crisis at the present time, one that must be overcome at all costs. Brantford and Brant County have indeed done their share in the past months, and all honor is due her loyal sons who are doing their part at the front. They have given up their lives for liberty. Brant County has had a great past, and also will have a great future. It cannot be excelled in loyalty and patriotism, and the 1,000 men needed will be raised in a short time.

MAYOR SPENCE

The Mayor addressed the audience briefly, and he stated a few facts of which Brantford should indeed be proud. This fair city stands second in the whole Dominion in the furnishing of recruits. A district in the west comes first with a slightly larger percentage than Brantford and Brant County has raised. The city should also be proud of the fact that the militia headquarters felt confident that a whole battalion could be raised here. This battalion is called the 125th Brant Battalion and is entirely in charge of Brantford officers and entirely composed of Brantford and Brant County men. Colonel M. E. B. Cutcliffe is in command and will lead his battalion to distinction when they get into the fighting line.

A great record has been made in the past, and it will be proudly followed. No less than seven commanding officers have left Brantford. The women have also done a noble part in this dark period in sending their husbands, sons and sweethearts away. They are the ones that suffer most if anything happens to their men. All honor must be attributed to them. Before resuming his seat, the Mayor hoped that this meeting and all following ones would be very successful.

LIEUT. FENTON

Lieut. Fenton was then called on by the chairman. He explained that the meeting was not held to create a spirit of patriotism or to make any kind of hatred against our enemies. It is not necessary to make Anglo-Saxons enlist. No matter in what form the call may come, they have always loyally responded since the time of their earliest wars. That feeling is just as strong and powerful now as it ever was in the past. No chant or hymn of hate is ever heard over the whole expanse of the

British Empire. That is miles beneath Britishers, whose ideals are much too high to allow such a petty thing. These meetings are being held to show how great is the need of more men.

MUST GO NOW

It is a very easy thing for a man to say: "I will go when I am needed." He may be sincere perhaps, in his thought, but he should not put up such excuses. The hour has come when all petty excuses must be put aside. The clock of destiny is about to strike. The thing which will make future humanity bless your memory must be done and done immediately.

The time has come when they need you at the front. Russia, with her mighty forces, Belgium, France, Serbia, Japan, all of these, our allies, are looking to the old grey mother of the seas. They are depending on the British Empire in this terrible crisis and we must not fail them. We hold the balance of power in our hands. "You must come," said the speaker. "It applies to you." He explained that there would be no peace of mind for any eligible person who didn't heed the call. The country absolutely must mobilize every possible man. Comparing Canada to a granary, he said that the floor must be swept up and every grain added to the pile. The brave story of Europe is full of the things that Britain has done. So she must not fail her allies in this conflict.

HUNDREDS MORE NEEDED

He stated that he was pleased to see the familiar khaki clad figures present, as they were the strongest recruiting force in the country. Nearly 1,700 men have been raised in the city and county, but 1,700 more ought to be and will be raised. The comforts of home, business and men's careers must be set aside for the country's great need. It is up to every one to sign one of the recruiting cards.

REV. BAKER

Rev. Mr. Baker, of Colborne street church, was the next speaker of the evening. He complimented the previous speaker by saying that if he could fight as well as he could speak, there would be a hot time ahead for the Germans. We have bold, fearless blood in us, and will face the darkest hour in the history of the world with courage. The Dominion is in peril, call, as the brave men of France, Belgium, Russia, Italy and Serbia have done. Although these mighty powers are all allies of Britain's, they have a mighty foe to struggle with.

Britain is stronger on the high seas to-day than she was 15 months ago. Her fleet is supreme, impregnable. But the allies have a powerful enemy

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BLOCKADE EXPECTED TO ELICIT STRAIGHT AVOWAL FROM GREECE

An Athens Report Says That as a Result of Earl Kitchener's Interview With Constantine, Greek King Has Already Stated His Views But the British Have Not Intimated That is So.

GREECE VERY UNDECIDED

Military Operations in Southern Serbia are Almost Suspended Which May be Good Sign For Allies.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Nov. 22.—The rumors of a week that the Entente allies had determined to compel Greece to repudiate all hints that she might intercede with the passage of allied troops across her territory have been almost suspended. This is regarded in England as an encouraging sign for the Serbians and their allies in view of the fact that a few days ago a Bulgarian advance from Pripet to Monastir appeared certain.

SUBS IN BALTIC

Copenhagen, Nov. 22, via London.—The passage of a large flotilla of British submarines, variously estimated at 10 to 25, into the Baltic is given as an explanation of the recent naval activity in the Cattagat, where both German and British destroyer flotillas have been sighted. According to current reports, a powerful British squadron convoyed the submarines to the entrance of Cattagat at the Skaw, the northernmost point of Jutland coast. The large ships stopped there, while the destroyers conveyed the submarines as far as Elnisore, at the narrowest part of the sound, when the submarines alone proceeded into the Baltic.

Brantford Soldiers Among Convalescents Home From Front

Among the convalescent soldiers who arrived yesterday in Toronto and who received such a fine welcome from the Queen City citizens were four Brantford men, and one from Paris. These are—Pte. C. H. Bloxham, 27 Sheridan street, 10th Battalion. Bugler A. L. Lewis, 139 Chestnut Avenue, 1st Battalion. Pte. H. J. Ireland, Kennedy Street, Grandview, 36th Battalion. Pte. A. J. Rose, 25 Foster street. Pte. A. D. Fraser, 4th Battalion. Pte. Bloxham, who has been given the D.C.M. for conspicuous bravery,

is expected home at any time, so his people told the Courier to-day. He is suffering from rheumatism and is incapacitated from further service.

Hugler A. C. Lewis, who is a son of Mr. Charles F. Lewis, fireman at the Ontario School for the Blind, went over with the First Contingent, being a member of the First Battalion. His father did not know he was back and cannot say whether it is because of wounds or illness, that he is returning.

Pte. H. J. Ireland was well known in Brantford from his wrestling powers. He joined Col. Ashton's 36th Battalion, but was stricken with muscular rheumatism very shortly after his arrival in England. He is now better

yet and may have to spend some months in a convalescent hospital in Toronto.

Private Alfred J. Rose is a member of the 14th Battalion. His home is at 25 Foster Street.

This morning his wife received a telegram from him stating he was held in a convalescent hospital in Toronto. He gave no reason why, so it is not known what is the matter with him.

As stated before, he was in the 14th Battalion, but for some reason or another was held in England, never getting to the front.

ANOTHER HERO

Who Enlisted in Brantford Gives His Life for the Empire.

Another man who enlisted from Brantford to serve the Empire at the front, has given his life for the cause. Among other Canadian casualties received over the Courier leased wire on Sunday was one announcing that Sergt. Dumble had been killed in action.

He left with the first contingent under Col. Colquhoun, and had been at the front since February. Joining as a private, his advancement was rapid, and he speedily became corporal and then sergeant.

While here he worked for the Massey-Harris Company, and boarded on Park avenue. By all to whom he was known, he is spoken of in the highest terms. He had seen much military service, having been with the British army in India and through the South African war.

Struck a Mine.

London, Nov. 22.—12.12 p.m.—Sinking of a Turkish transport which was carrying 800 soldiers across the Sea of Marmora is reported in a message from Zurich, forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News. The message says the transport struck a mine and that nearly all on board were drowned.

Escaped the Sub.

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London, Nov. 22.—The Italian liner Verona, from Italian ports for New York, which on Saturday reported by wireless that she was being pursued by a submarine, and afterwards that she had eluded the undersea craft in a fog, is now safely out of the Mediterranean. Word was received here that she passed through the Straits of Gibraltar to-day on her westward voyage.



The late William R. McCormack, W.M. of Rebo Lodge, A.F. and A.M. for whom a memorial was held yesterday afternoon by his Masonic brethren. This picture shows Mr. McCormack in the uniform of a Knight Templar.

Revolution in Greece!

By Special Wire to the Courier.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—A news agency despatch from Rome to-day says:

"A dynastic revolutionary outbreak is feared in Athens. Troops are patrolling the streets and occupying all strategic positions, and a large force is guarding the royal palace. The cabinet council is constantly in session, the chiefs of the military staff participating. The impression prevails that King Constantine realizes that he will be forced to yield to the Allies' demands."

COAXING ROUMANIA

Rome, Nov. 22.—Germany and Austria-Hungary are understood to be asking Rumania to preserve her neutrality and at the same time offering certain concessions to her if she will intervene in the war on the side of the central powers, according to information received here to-day from reliable sources.

The Lancashire and Cheshire Coal-Owners' Association and the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation have agreed to pay equal shares toward the cost of \$150,000 for providing motor ambulance convoys in France and the Dardanelles.

RUSSIA IS NOW UNBELIEVABLY PROSPEROUS

Beggars Have Disappeared, and Masses Are Better Fed and Clad Than Ever.

Efforts Being Made to Have Pleasant Substitutes for Vodka.

Stockholm, Nov. 22.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Vodkaless Russia is unbelievably prosperous, even in the midst of war, writes the editor of Dagens Nyheter, after a long trip through the Russian provinces, but there is still a great danger for the peasant has as yet found nothing to take the place of the saloon as a center of recreation and amusement. Stories are told of cases of suicide owing to the dullness of life now that the "dear little water" has been put out of reach.

"In the towns there has never been so much prosperity as at present," remarks the editor. "Beggars have disappeared from the streets and the masses are better fed and better clad than ever before."

"It is, however, in the villages that the blessings of teetotalism are most apparent. The hundreds of millions formerly spent in the spirit shops now remain in the pockets of the peasant. Millions are working, recreatingly, and are not wasting in drinking bouts and their after-effects, help to line the pockets. The net result is that the Russian villages, so to say, roll in money. Meat, formerly eaten once or twice a year, is becoming part of the daily fare, and dwellings and farming utensils and decent clothes are being purchased out of savings by the agricultural population.

"The one danger with the increase of economic strength is the possibility of a decrease of moral strength. Vodka filled a void in the empty and lustreless life of the peasant. He wonders how he shall spend his free time and his superfluous money."

"The teetotalers are alive to this danger, and already, in certain districts of Russia, people's houses, are being provided, equipped with libraries, tea, lecture and reading rooms and cinematographs.

"All this is to the good, but big effort is essential in order to raise the intellectual and moral level of the nation if Russia's teetotal year is to be more than a little episode in her history."

Adriatic Safe.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Philadelphia, Nov. 22.—The British freight steamer Adriatic, from Ky-massi, Greece, October 13, for Philadelphia, passed in the Delaware Caps during the night and will arrive here to-day. The Adriatic's arrival eliminates here from the report circulated a week ago to-day that a steamer by that name had been sunk in the European war zone by a submarine.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND QUARTERS WANTED for gifts for the soldiers. Will you give one?