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French Are Re-forming Almost Upon The Soil of Greece

CONSTANTINE MUST DECIDE

Reinforcements Steadily Landing at Saloniki Which May Be Base of Later Extensive Operations—News of Some Fighting is Received

London, Dec. 9.—German troops are reported at the Greek border. With the Anglo-French lines reforming almost within Greek territory, it is believed here that Greek operations much longer, more definite revelation of the stand she expects to take, should the areas of hostilities be transferred to her soil.

Colonel Phyllis of the Greek army is now conferring with the Entente commanders, but the Paris press expresses fear that he is not authorized to take the full steps necessary to safeguard the interests of the Anglo-French troops.

An interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press is attracting a great deal of attention in Germany, where the opinion is general that he has given good reasons in justification of his attitude of his country.

The plans of the French and British troops in the Balkans are still a mystery. The continued landing of reinforcements leads some to the theory that an aggressive campaign is contemplated.

At the same time, the steady withdrawal of the troops from their advanced positions, leads to the belief that for the present the occupation of Saloniki as a base for operations against the Ottoman Empire is the main objective.

At Athens, Dec. 9.—There has been severe fighting on the French front during the last twenty-four hours, according to press dispatches from Saloniki. The Bulgarians are said to have made no impression on the French lines in the Doiran-Demirkoz section.

Official Serbian advice places the number of Serbian troops who retired into Albania at 200,000. The Austro-German forces employed in the Serbian campaign are estimated at twenty divisions (240,000 men). Five of the divisions are said to be Austrian.

Affairs Safe from Surprises

THREE MORE FOR 115TH BATTALION

Names of More Officers—Lieut. Col. DeRosier Opens Office

The announcement of further appointments to the 115th battalion was received this morning from Ottawa, the names of three other officers being given. They were Major Guy Stanhope Kinney, 8th Hussars of Bussea, well known in military circles and long active as a cavalry officer, who will have command of a double company in the 115th. Capt. W. G. Thomas, 82nd Fusiliers, St. John, who has been in command of the detachment force along the Maine border for several months, and who will be second in command of one of the companies, and Lieut. Richard Ingelton, 62nd Fusiliers, former commissioner of Boy Scouts for New Brunswick, who will be a platoon commander.

Three volunteers signed with the colors this morning at the Mill street office—Frank S. Dunsmuir of Gagetown for the siege battery and Albert E. Parks, Spar Cove Road, and John H. Willis, Charles street, for the 115th. Authority was received this morning by Capt. L. P. D. Tilley to include Kent County in those established as recruiting territory for the 115th.

Lieut.-Col. DeRosier, supply and transport officer for St. John, has opened an office in the former Bank of Nova Scotia building in Prince William street, the premises having been placed at the disposal of the military department by this bank.

Ernest Brunton of Port Hope, Ont., passed through the city today on his way to Halifax. He will rejoin the British navy in which he spent three years aboard the cruiser "Bacchus" and battleship "Indomitable". He has been engaged in farming near Port Hope for some time.

Three absentees from the ranks of the 6th Battalion, were brought to the city today at noon by an escort from that unit. They were captured at McAdam. Practically all those who left have now been rounded up.

The 8th Battalion had a route march this morning, the full unit marching out in command with Capt. Scott. They have another route march this afternoon.

In view of the recent appeal of Major McLean of the 6th C. M. B. that his men should not be overlooked at Christmas time, Mayor Frink is willing to bear from any societies, organizations or individuals who wish to do anything for the soldiers at the front. Already many of the men at the front have been remembered in one way or another but it is possible that some of them have been overlooked. There is an arrangement under which, even at this late day Christmas presents may be provided for any of the men in the trenches. Cox & Company a firm of bankers in London, have made an offer to receive money forwarded by cable, devote it to the purchase of such goods as may be ordered and see that the goods are at their destination within two days of the receipt of the order.

Another Gain

PREPARING TO ATTACK LONDON AGAIN FROM AIR

Macmechin Predicts Great Zeppelin Raid Within 60 Days

ENGLAND IS PREPARED

Rigid Dirigibles to Meet the Baby-killers—Head of Aeronautical Society Expects That 10 Zeppelins Will Be Used

New York, Dec. 9.—"I believe there will be another Zeppelin attack on London within sixty days. When the raid does come, it will be bigger than anything that has gone before and will be repeated night after night. The Germans will probably send at least ten Zeppelins. They are now gathering a fleet so large that they can afford to risk the loss of three or four in a raid."

"But England has been awakened. She knows the game now. She has learned that airships must be sought with nothing but the guns. It is not possible to meet the menace the right way. She is building rigid dirigibles. When the raiders come she will not be helpless."

These predictions were made today by Thomas R. Macmechin, aeronautical engineer and president of the Aeronautical Society of America. He recently returned from England where a small dirigible is being constructed which is intended to be a torpedo-destroyer of the air, has been completed by a syndicate under official British eyes.

"At the beginning of the war," Mr. Macmechin said, "we thought that aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns would be sufficient. But what the Zeppelins have done is known to the world and we must do better. Airships have been used recently in the House of Commons that England was building rigid dirigibles to meet the menace."

Macmechin said that the most dangerous aeroplanes are the Zeppelins. Numbers of aircraft in England, France, and Russia have been killed in making night landings. The Zeppelins rise to a great height and force the planes to exhaust their fuel in climbing after subject the aeroplane to machine gun fire, then speed away.

Macmechin said that the Zeppelins easily elude them at night—when there is bright moonlight. "The British thought the Zeppelins would not come on moonlight nights, but they did twice, and got away unharméd."

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War Breaks Out in the Peace Ship

Some of The Disciples of Ford Want To Be Shown

REV. DR. AKED IS LEADER

Mrs. Schwimmer Declines to Read Out Letters Which She Says Show That Belligerents of Both Sides are Willing to Hear Peace Proposals

On board the peace ship Oscar II, by wireless to Cape Race, Nfld., Dec. 8.—The peace ship is threatening already to belie its name. Internal strife has broken out and bids fair to become serious. Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, formerly pastor of John D. Rockefeller's church in New York, has taken the leadership of a band of insurrectionists who are beginning to entertain doubts for the success of the trip. These malcontents demand to be shown, in plain terms, what the peace party expects to accomplish, and what grounds it has for so asking. They insist on seeing the documents which Mlle. Roska Schwimmer asserts she has with her, to show that belligerents on both sides are willing to hear peace proposals and that unofficial representatives of the warring nations will attend the Ford pacific conference on the other side.

Mrs. Schwimmer is defying the malcontents. She says that the documents are of a confidential nature, and refuse to allow them to be read. Mr. Ford now declares that he will not content himself with ending the war in Europe. He is planning to end industrial warfare as well. As yet he has not said what are his plans for this accomplishment.

Liquor from St. John seized in Moncton. In Moncton yesterday, a squad of officers visited the I. C. R. freight house and seized two half barrels of liquor shipped according to the labels, from a dealer in St. John, to "E. J. LeBlanc" and "A. R. Richard," of Moncton. The police say that Richard and LeBlanc exist only in the imagination of the person or persons who shipped the liquor. The local authorities say the idea probably being that the liquor would not likely be looking for liquor coming in from the direction of Quebec. The local authorities say that this is a new one on them. However, the liquor is now at the police station awaiting the appearance of "E. J. LeBlanc" and "A. R. Richard."

The Canadian Express office at the Union depot in Moncton was visited by the police this morning and a case of liquor seized.

ILL USAGE OF CANADIANS. Montreal, Dec. 9.—A Gazette cable from London says: Echoes of the great struggle around Ypres in April were heard yesterday in the stories of six Canadian wounded, just arrived from Germany, who were taken to a hospital of incapacitated prisoners of war. All six, who are now in Milbank hospital had fallen out of the Canadian ranks in the April fighting.

Private G. W. Hincks of the 12th Battalion, Montreal, was severely wounded by a bullet and bayonet wounds in the leg, was carried off to Siegburg, a considerable journey, without surgical treatment. As soon as they heard that we were Canadians," he said, "they inquired how much they loved us, and welcomed us." Hincks was taken to a prisoners' hospital at Cologne where the food was such as even a healthy soldier could not eat unless ravenous with hunger. Among his mates of the same regiment left behind are Jack Harrison, Douglas Wells, and Corporal Gilhairs; while Private Herbert, Corporal Bob West and Private Grimwood, are at Stendal. A brother, Robert Hincks is still in Boulogne hospital, suffering from the effects of gas.

HARBOR MATTERS. In reply to a request from the Dominion Royal Commission, which visited St. John in 1914, just at the time of the outbreak of war, Major Frink today made further information regarding the affairs of this port. The communication dealt chiefly with the city's authority over harbor property, including that owned by private persons and by the dominion government. He also spoke of the tendency in Canadian ports to get away from divided control and bring all harbor facilities under one management.

FOR FOURTH DEGREE. A large number of members of the Knights of Columbus from various parts of the maritime provinces came to the city today to attend the emancipation of the fourth degree in the rooms of the local council. About 175 knights will be present.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS VISIT. Instructional exercises for the visiting operators of the N. B. Telephone Co. were carried out today. This evening they will be guests at an Imperial Theatre party, while tomorrow evening a banquet will be held in Bond's cafe, after another session of special instruction tomorrow.

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Germans Plan To Strike At India?

London, Dec. 9.—A Daily Telegraph despatch from Rome says:—"According to indirect news from Constantinople, Germany has abandoned her idea of an expedition against Egypt in favor of a great Turco-German expedition against India. The German project is to organize an army of 400,000 Turks with 100,000 Germans commanded by Field Marshal von Der Goltz, and an immense number of guns, for an expedition in the spring, which will be preceded by a large Turkish advance guard which already is on the march to Bagdad.

CHAMPMAN'S EVIDENCE

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Davidson Commission will go to Boston, to take evidence of Dr. Chipman, a veterinary concerned in Nova Scotia horse deals, who is ill in an institution in that city. Through lack of the necessary witnesses the commission, which met this morning to continue its inquiry into the allegations of Men's Wear, Toronto, that the uniform contracts had been formed out to a Toronto real estate man, adjourned until December 27, without hearing any material evidence.

WANT TRAINS THREE TIMES WEEK ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Fredricton, N. B., Dec. 9.—The council of the board of trade last night decided to ask the government to substitute a tri-weekly for a weekly train service on the Fredericton-Gagetown route. Superintendent Groat of the C. P. R. wrote that his company would be favorable to the union "at all times." If conditions could be made. A letter from the postal authorities stated that there would be no reduction in box rents for the new post office. Lieutenant H. P. Osborne of Company 104th Battalion, has been promoted to be captain.

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TURKS ADVANCING ON ADEN, IN ARABIA

Lopdun, Dec. 9.—An advance of the Turks on Aden, Southern Arabia, near the entrance to the Red Sea, through which the Suez Canal passes, is announced in a Turkish official report. The statement says: "Between Mahadi and Aden successful fighting occurred. The Turks are advancing on Aden."

TOTTEN-McELHINEY

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Rev. W. O. Raymond, last evening when he united in marriage, J. Eldon Totten and Miss Lizale J. McElhiney. The bride was becomingly gowned in a tailored suit of brown with hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jennie, who wore a suit of blue with black coat. William Morgan supported the groom. After the uniform contract had been formed out to a Toronto real estate man, adjourned until December 27, without hearing any material evidence.

THE COMMUNIPAW

London, Dec. 9.—The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported sunk off Tripoli by a submarine, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York on December 8, according to an announcement by Lloyd's.

ANOTHER GAIN

St. John bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,775,111, corresponding week last year, \$1,498,617.

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