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# FIGHTING NOW ON GREEK FRONTIER

## U.S. May Break With Austria

### TENSION GRAVE WITH AUSTRIA OVER ANCONA

Washington Even May Sever Diplomatic Relations Over Submarine Warfare.

NEW ISSUE HAS ARISEN  
Submarine Taking Oil From U. S. Tanker Considered Serious.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss of American lives. A crisis has arisen just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany.

The continuing of diplomatic relations depends on a satisfactory reply to Secretary of State Lansing's latest note. The situation tonight is compared to the last days of the Arabic negotiations with Germany, when probably no one but President Wilson himself knew how close the country was to a severance of diplomatic relations with Berlin.

Another complication. The situation developed today when it was disclosed that an Austrian submarine which shelled the American Standard Oil steamer Petrolite in the Mediterranean last week sent a boarding party to the Petrolite and took part of the ship's provisions. This news came in a consular despatch from Athens and was the first official word of the safety of the Petrolite, which was not greatly damaged by the shelling and proceeded to Algiers with one man slightly wounded.

So far as the Petrolite incident is concerned, there probably will be no action by the state department until more complete reports are received, allowing the exact conditions under which the vessel was attacked.

Seizure of supplies from a neutral vessel by a submarine raises a new and interesting point in international law. It is pointed out that if this practice became general belligerent submarines preying upon an enemy's "commerce" practically would be unlimited in their radius of action and almost wholly independent of bases of supplies.

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HE MAY BE RECALLED



Frederick Courtland Penfield, United States Ambassador to Austria-Hungary.

### MURDER OF SERGEANT IS DENIED BY OFFICER

Cordere Said to Police, "You Have the Wrong Man."

POLICE ARE RETICENT  
Mystery Hangs Over Murder of Member of Canadian Battalion.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.  
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Georges Cordere, lieutenant-adjudant of the 41st Canadian Battalion, stationed at Bramshot, Hampshire, when formally charged at the Whitehall police office with the wilful murder of Sergt. Margius (name of the 90th C. M. Rifles, English, who was killed), was reprieved. "I am not guilty. You got the wrong man."

The accused was then remanded till Monday, the police agreeing to provide for the attendance of an interpreter owing to his defective knowledge of English.

Zsanne's body, much mutilated, was found Thursday morning in a stable attached to a large house at Grayshot, in the same district, which had been used as an officers' mess for the 1st, and he is stated to have gone to the house to keep an appointment.

Before coming to England the sergeant is said to have been a farmer at Swift Current.

The police are reticent over the affair, but more light is expected to be thrown on the case at the inquest, which is fixed for Monday, Dec. 13.

### SITUATION IN GREECE IS ADMITTEDLY GRAVE

Demand for Re-Embarkation of Allies at Saloniki Creates Crisis.

OVERT MOVE FEARED  
Greek Officers Reported to Have Discussed Attack on Allies.

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 11, 1:53 a.m.—The position of the allied forces in Greece furnishes the chief subject for discussion in the London morning newspapers. Optimistic official statements failed to persuade the press and public that the situation is not serious. It is generally admitted that no alternative to the withdrawal of the allied forces to Saloniki exists, and some papers, notably The Weekly Nation, go so far as to advocate re-embarkation of the troops with freedom of movement is still possible, rather than to risk the possibilities due to the perplexing attitude of the Greek Government.

Great Disquietude.  
Despatches, which are said to have evaded Greek censorship, have been received in London during the week, indicating suspicion of the Greek intentions. It was alleged in the despatches that Greek officers openly talked of the time when they would attack the allies and continued with the assertion that a fortnight ago Greek military movements in the Saloniki district became suspicious. Whether or not reliance can be placed in these reports it is certain that the Greek attitude is the cause of great disquietude.

The Spectator in an article less alarming than that employed by The Nation, favors either the allied troops re-embarking or taking up a position on the plain around Saloniki where they could remain snug under the protection of the guns of the fleet.

KAISER VISIT LEMBERG.  
BERLIN (via London), Dec. 11.—It is officially announced that after a short visit to Lemberg, capital of Galicia, Emperor William has reviewed the German troops on the strip of Russian territory.

### UNITED STATES DOLLAR POLICY HOTLY REBUKED

Senator Lodge More Concerned About American Lives Than Cotton.

FOR SWEEPING INQUIRY  
Wilson's Failure to Uphold National Honor is Bitterly Criticized.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The long-expected storm in congress over the administration's conduct of the defence of American rights on the seas broke today when Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interference with neutral trade, and Senator Lodge, Republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

"The body of an innocent child, floating dead on the water, the victim of destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an ungodly bale of cotton," declared the Massachusetts senator.

Broad Enquiry Demanded.  
To Senator Smith's resolution for an investigation of trade interference, Senator Lodge, who is the ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, offered an amendment for investigation of the law and the facts in the submarine attacks on the Lusitania, Falaba, Hesperian, Arabic, Gulfight and Ancona, and of the plots and conspiracies against the neutrality of the United States to which President Wilson referred in his address to congress Tuesday.

Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee, on which further action will depend. Their introduction was on page 12, column 2.

TURKS UNABLE TO TAKE KUT-EL-AMARA  
Success of Russians Clears Situation Somewhat in That War Theatre.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—There is no further news from Mesopotamia, where, according to last accounts, the Turks were attacking Kut-el-Amara, and had actually reached a point on the river below that town, but the success of the Russians in dispersing a band of Persian rebels under German and Turkish orders at Sultan Bulak Pass, on the road to Hamadan, it is believed, will ease the situation in that part of the world.

The Turks claim to have repulsed British sorties from Kut-el-Amara.

LIEUT. LONG OF C.M.R. HAS BEEN DISMISSED  
Two Officers of Princess Pats Have Been Given Promotion.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.  
LONDON, Dec. 10.—The London Gazette announces that Lieut. J. Long of the 6th Canadian Mounted Regiment has been dismissed from service by sentence of court-martial.

Lieuts. T. M. Pappineau and S. F. Martin of the Princess Patricia's have been promoted captains.

## ALLIES RETIRE FROM SERBIA TO TAKE STAND AT SALONIKI

### GERMANS OCCUPY GIEVGELI

Gen. Von Gallwitz, With Two Divisions, Close to Greek Frontier.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Saloniki says: "It is reliably reported here that German forces under Gen. Von Gallwitz occupied Gievgele, on the railway line a short distance north of the Greek frontier, in Serbia, Friday morning. The forces include two divisions (about 42,000 men)."

### FALSE CHARGE OF INHUMANITY

German Sailors Not Shot Down After Sinking of Submarine.

U. S. ASKING FOR FACTS  
British Government Will Not Make Public Details at Present.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—A British official communication issued today states that the circumstances relating to the destruction of a German submarine and her crew by the British patrol boat Baralong last August are at present the subject of communications between the British Government and the British Government.

The British Government, the statement says, "does not propose to make public a statement for the present repudiating the unwarranted charge which the German chancellor reported to have preferred against the British navy in his speech yesterday."

Mulleter's Told Yarn.  
Several mulleters of the British steamer Nicostan arriving at New Orleans early in October reported that marines from the Baralong killed the captain and ten men of the crew of a German submarine after the undersub boat had been sunk. According to the mulleters the incident occurred off the American flag, insured, and according to the story was being shelled by the submarine when the Baralong, which the mulleters alleged was firing the American flag, arrived on the scene and sank the submarine. The mulleters said that the captain and four men of the submarine were killed after climbing aboard the Nicostan and that six of the submarine's crew were shot as they were struggling in the water.

THREE MANUFACTURERS SUFFER FIRE LOSSES  
Early Morning Blaze Does Fifty Thousand Damage on Clifford Street.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 10.—The revenue of the Dominion for the eight months ended, Nov. 30, was \$104,756,305, as compared with \$90,468,002 a year ago, or an increase of over \$14,000,000, according to the monthly financial statement issued today. While \$127,000,000 since the war, the revenue has increased, the expenditure has decreased, and is now \$10,000,000 less than a year ago for the eight months period, leaving a surplus of about \$30,000,000, and a betterment of \$27,500,000, compared with a year ago.

RECRUITING MEETING.  
HAMILTON, Saturday, Dec. 11.—A largely attended and enthusiastic recruiting meeting, which gave promise of bearing fruit, was held last night at Fairfield school. Addressed by the speakers included A. H. Lyle, President, C. R. McCullough, H. E. Wilton, Col. Stoneham and E. E. Emery.

### SUICIDES RIFE AMONG ENEMY

Epidemic of Self-Destruction Among Germans in Vicinity of Dvinsk.

OFFICERS QUIT WORLD  
Cold and Hardships of Winter Alleged Reason for Untimely Exits.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 10.—Another epidemic of suicides is reported among the German forces in the vicinity of Dvinsk by prisoners captured in that region, according to The Birzhevia Dedomesty, an afternoon daily newspaper. Nine officers, including the commander of a battalion, are said to have ended their lives within a period of 12 days. Cold and hardships are alleged to be the cause.

The Polish and Serbian landsturm forces along the southern front, report that a new alignment of Austro-German stores has been detached to forage food at points near the frontier.

VENIZELOS OUTSPOKEN IN CRITICIZING KING  
Monarch by Arbitrary Course Caused Greece to Miss Great Chance.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Times' Athens correspondent sends an authorized statement from Venizelos, the former Greek premier, regarding the attitude of his party in the statement M. Venizelos deals with two aspects of the situation, the external and internal relations of Greece.

Regarding the first, M. Venizelos contends that Greece, having failed in her bounden duty to go to Serbia's assistance, has thrown away a most favorable opportunity and may now find herself faced to face with a strengthened and brutal Bulgaria.

Regarding his second aspect, the former premier states King Constantine's attitude as unpatriotic. He repeats the suggestion that he is aiming at the formation of a republic and holds that the Greek people fully understand the situation and are only awaiting the formation of the foreign crisis in order to make their voice heard.

The correspondent says he submitted the statement of M. Venizelos to King Constantine, who said that, although he disagreed with the statement, he desired that M. Venizelos should have the publicity as was given the King's statement.

### War With Greece Imminent Over Question of Allies' Right to Defend Port—Eulgers Lost Heavily in Determined Attacks, But Weight of Numbers Told.

LONDON, Dec. 10, 10:15 p.m.—The Anglo-French forces have commenced a general retirement from southern Serbia, and it is suggested that their destination is the region of Saloniki. This retirement was necessitated, not only by the superior forces which the Bulgarians and Germans opposed to the allies, but to a threat of an outflanking movement from Petrovo, where the Bulgarians have arrived, and also to danger to their line of communication from Bulgarian irregulars who had crossed the Greek frontier.

Greece on War's Brink.  
The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Germans will follow the allies across the Greek frontier and what attitude the Greek Government will adopt. King Constantine has promised to use his army to protect the retiring force if they undertake to re-embark, and has shown his good faith by preventing Bulgarian raiding bands from destroying the allies' communications, but it is doubtful whether the allies will agree to evacuate Saloniki, which under the guns of their ships, would provide a good defensive position and a point from which other operations could be undertaken. It is on this point that the negotiations between Greece and the entente allies in new proceedings and the reeling here and at Paris and Rome is given briefly in the following paragraph printed in large type by The Evening Star:

"The moment is approaching when the Greek Government must decide. The allies now more than ever desire freedom of movement at Saloniki; otherwise their demands had been met by procrastination, and a refusal now will mean war."

Allies on New Front.  
Tonight's French official statement says:

"As soon as it was demonstrated that the junction that had been attempted with the right wing of the Serbian army was no longer feasible, the commander of the allies decided to evacuate the advance positions occupied by our troops on the Corina River and toward Krievak. "The successive manoeuvres connected with the falling back were carried out methodically and without any great difficulty, the allies standing the fact that the Bulgarians attacked us several times. "As a consequence of violent fighting on the 8th and 9th instant, during which the Bulgarians were repulsed and suffered heavy losses, we have, in connection with the British troops, occupied a new front extending approximately toward the River Beljina. "Both the British and French forces, who are well supplied with artillery and machine guns, engaged in a four (Continued on Page 12, Column 7).

### REVENUE OF DOMINION IS STILL ASCENDING

Gain for Eight Months Ended With November, Fourteen Millions

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Net Debt of Canada is Now More Than Half a Billion.

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The war expenditure which comes under capital account, amounting to \$66,514,955 for the eight months, or \$127,000,000 since the war, has just over half a billion compared with \$364,848,247 a year ago.

Customs revenue was \$9,101,595 for November, which is more than double what it was a year ago and post-office revenue for the month shows a \$300,000 increase. For the eight months, there is a reduction of \$2,500,000 in railway expenditure and a reduction of nearly \$1,000,000 in railway subsidies.

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