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Von Mackenzen's Forces Within Shelling Distance of the Roumanian Capital

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WAY OPENED FOR AN UNHINDERED ADVANCE

Big Guns of Belligerents on Front in France Have Been Active at Various Points—Central Powers Claim Repulse Allied Attack in Monastir Region Where Rain and Fog are Hindering Operations—German Reports of Allied Operations at Saloniki are Incorrect—French and Serbs Gain the Positions They Desired

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The forces of Field Marshal von Mackenzen are almost within shelling distance of the forts which protect Bucharest, the capital of Roumania. Driving forward along the railway leading north from Giurgiu, Von Mackenzen has captured Tzomana, 16 miles south of Bucharest, and at last accounts was still making progress towards his objective. Meanwhile the army of Genl. Von Falkenhayn is keeping up its pressure against the Roumanians west and north-west of the capital, his centre having forced the Roumanians to fall back to Giurgiu, 37 miles from Bucharest, and further north have captured the town of Campulung, thus opening a way for an unhindered advance. The offensive begun by the Russians in the region of Kirilbaba apparently is not impeding to any extent the Teutonic invasions in Roumania. Additional gains are conceded to the Russians in this region, but again it is asserted they have been dearly paid for in casualties. The Roumanians on the north and north-west fronts have made progress in the Bezou and Prohova Valleys.

In none of the other theatres has there been any fighting of great intensity, so far as official reports show. The big guns of the belligerents on the front in France and Belgium have been active at various points. The only infantry engagements reported was near Ypres, where in an attack on a two-mile front the British were repulsed, according to Berlin.

Both Berlin and Sofia report the repulse of an Allied attack in the region of Monastir, in Serbia, where rain and fog are hindering operations. Pursuing the tactics with which we have become familiar on the Western front, German official communiques have been falsely announcing that our successes at Saloniki have only obtained their partial objective, but as a matter of fact we have won the positions desired by the Serbians and French Zonaves and have taken a very important hill on one wing, while the Italians won their objective on the other. Weather on this front has been so vile that operations by either side have been very little, any of importance being utterly impossible.

The much-discussed Bill providing compulsory service for civilians for war service in Germany, known as the "Man Power Bill" has been introduced into the Reichstag. In introducing it Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg again reiterated that Germany was ready to end the war, by a peace guaranteeing the existing future of the German nation.

South Wales Miners Are Dissatisfied

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Executive Committee of the South Wales Miners' Federation to-day adopted a resolution reiterating the demand of the Federation for a fifteen per cent. increase in wages and demurring at government control of the collieries unless all the coal fields in Britain are brought under such control.

16 Miles From Capital

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30.—The Roumanian town of Tzomana, 16 miles south of Bucharest, has been captured by Teutonic forces, the War Office announces.

Political Unrest In Austria

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A Berne despatch to the Wireless Press says negotiations are being undertaken by the Austrian Premier, Dr. Ernest von Korbereger, with the Austrian political leaders in an attempt to obtain assurances that there will be no opposition to the government, when Emperor Charles opens parliament, and that the Greeks will not protest against the penalties which have been imposed upon Czech deputies, have been unsuccessful. The despatch also says the deputies of the Hungarian Independent Party decided to absent themselves from the funeral of Emperor Francis Joseph as a token of their disapproval of the late Emperor's aggressive war policy.

SEE THE ISSUE AS IT STANDS

Major Genl. Maurice Says Any Further Advance by the Germans in Roumania Would Mean Considerable Success for Them and Will Place Iron and Oil Districts in Their Possession

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Although satisfied that the Roumanian army was still absolutely intact, Major-General Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office told Associated-Press to-day that any further advance by the Germans would mean a considerable success for them. Genl. Maurice said, "There is no use minimizing the fact that a further advance for the Germans means a considerable success, as a step forward given them the corn district, while a still further step means the possession of the oil wells. The Russia is moving, however, and the fact that the Roumanian army is still intact is encouraging. Enemy reports claim that they have taken 1,000 men and a few guns. This shows that my prediction last week that no more than the rear guard would be captured has been more than fulfilled. The Roumanians who had been occupying a dangerous salient, with one army hammering from the north while another was coming up from the Danube and their safe extrication is no mean feat of arms. Whether this intact army means to make a stand before the capital remains to be seen."

British Casualties For November 24, 650

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The British casualties in the month of November as reported from all fronts were 74,850. Enemy machine gun and rifle fire was active last night in the neighbourhood of Guedecourt, on the Somme front, says to-day's official announcement. Otherwise there is nothing to report.

French Crops

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Complete official statistics of the crops for 1916 show the wheat crop only three and a half per cent. short of that of 1915, though the surface sowed was five per cent. less. The oat crop for 1916 was nearly fourteen per cent. heavier than 1915.

Consuls Deported

ATHENS, Nov. 30.—The Entente allied authorities have deported from Syria to Malta on board a warship, G. Dallegio, German Consul, and Caleyman Bey, Turkish Consul at Syria. The families of the consuls have also been deported.

ARRESTED A VOLUNTEER

Last night a volunteer who had taken too much liquor created a scene on Water Street and also caused disturbance at the Recruiting Depot. He was arrested by Const. Stamp and was handed over to the military authorities to be dealt with.

French Women Put to Death

Mme. Monesse Died Tragically as Victim of Her Ardent Patriotism—Another Case of Edith Cavell

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—The Sun this morning publishes the following from Paris.—When the details of the shooting of Mme. Heloiz Monesse became known, the world will find the case parallel to that of Miss Edith Cavell, according to "Vie Feminine," which to-day reports the death of this patriotic French woman, executed in Brussels. Mme. Monesse was the wife of a Belgian journalist, and when the war began she remained with him. Her relatives last heard directly from her in January, 1915, but recently a merchant in Amsterdam wrote to them saying she died tragically on February 29th, 1916, the victim of her ardent patriotism. Confirmation has been obtained of the report that she was shot by Germans, but no details have been ascertained.

In Roumania

BUCHAREST, Nov. 30.—Roumanians have taken a stand along the Clavatziotzu River, south of Bucharest. The War Office to-day reports violent fighting on this front and also all along the line in the north. The announcement follows: On northern and north-western fronts there has been violent actions along the whole line. We made progress in Buzoa and Prohova Valleys. On the western front violent actions are proceeding on the Clavatziotzu. On the southern front the situation is not changed.

Germany Pays For Grain Cargo Sunk

THE HAGUE, Nov. 30.—Germany has declared to the government of the Netherlands her readiness to pay damages for the Dutch steamer Bloomersdyk and her grain cargo, while the rest of the vessel's cargo will be submitted to a prize court. An official announcement was made to this effect to-day to the Associated Press. The Bloomersdyk was sunk off Nantucket last October by a German submarine.

OFFICIAL

BRITISH.
LONDON, Nov. 30.—Official from the British headquarters in France to-night.—Nothing to report except artillery duels along the front. The enemy's artillery fire is particularly heavy between the Rivers Somme and Aisne.

RUSSIAN.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 30.—The news of the Russian offensive in the Carpathians has resulted in considerable gains, is announced officially. Heavy fighting is proceeding for the possession of important passes through the Carpathians, to-day's official says. The town of Kislbaba is now within rifle range of the Russians.

Coal Strike Settled

MELBOURNE, Dec. 1.—Under an agreement which has been entered into owing to the coal miners' strike, the miners are assured of an eight hour day and the abolition of double shifts. The owners are compensated by an increase in the selling prices. The settlement has caused intense relief throughout the Commonwealth and its announcement was loudly cheered in Parliament. The Federal authorities will remain in control of the distribution until the coal output becomes normal.

Bulgars Defeat Roumanians

SOFIA, Dec. 1.—The Bulgarians have singularly defeated the Roumanians in hand-to-hand fighting and captured two twenty-one centimetre guns, according to an official statement issued to-day.

Another Resignation

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The resignation of Genl. Draeos, Greek Minister of War, is reported by Reuter's Athens correspondent. The reason is ill-health.

ROUMANIAN SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Germans Reach Kulugurena and are Within 17 Miles of Outer Parts of the Capital—London Times However Sees Cause for Hope that Roumanians May yet Pull Through

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The rapid advance of the Germans in Roumania with the capture of Pitesci and the approach to Kulugurena from Giurgevo is regarded here as constituting a serious situation, judging from the comment in the morning papers. It is remarked that if the invaders reach Kulugurena they will be only seven to twelve miles from the outer parts of the capital. The military correspondent of the Times, however, sees cause for hope. He eulogises the resistance of the Roumanians, up to this point and expresses the opinion that if their morals are unimpaired and if their munitions hold out there is no reason why they should not continue their defense. The correspondent attaches importance to the Russian attacks on the northern passes which he thinks probably surprised the Germans. The success of the Russian counter-offense on this front is likely to be dependent, he says, upon the efforts of the Roumanians further south, and it is to be assumed that the Russians were satisfied in this respect before launching their attacks.

Will Consult Dominions

Premiers of the Various Dominions Must be a Factor in Any Arrangements for Peace Conference.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Lord Islington, in the Lords yesterday, announced that the Overseas Dominions would be consulted with reference to peace terms suggested and ordered by the Allied Governments at the conclusion of the war. Lord Islington said that before any arrangements for calling a peace conference can be made, we must have reached a more precise and definite stage regarding the issues of the war, and the Premiers of the various Dominions must be a factor in any arrangement for calling a conference in this country. It has been definitely decided that the Dominions which have contributed so substantially and loyally to the conduct of the war entitled to a consideration of what terms of peace are when finally formulated.

Growing Anxiety In Athens

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Special despatches from Athens, dated Thursday, say there is a growing of anxiety in the city. The Greek garrison seems to have withdrawn inland, taking arms, munitions and stores. Two regiments left during the night with artillery. The despatches add that there was alarm in the streets on Thursday morning due to the appearance of bands of reservists, but that later it was ascertained they had been called for service. The authorities seem to be doing their utmost to preserve order.

Will Relieve Pressure Upon Roumania

PETROGRAD, Dec. 1.—The violent attack begun by the Russians in the Carpathians, which if successful will menace the rear of Transylvanian Austro-German lines, is expected by the military authorities here to relieve the pressure upon Roumania and possibly avert the crisis caused by the concentric advance on Bucharest of the three groups of the forces under General Falkenhayn and General Mackensen.

To Relieve Pressure On Roumanians

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—The Russians are attacking incessantly and in great force along the eastern Transylvanian front in an effort to relieve the Roumanians, according to an official statement issued by the War Office.

Ships Again Are Warned

Allied Cruisers Warn Ships of Presence of German Submarines on This Side of the Atlantic.

BOSTON, Nov. 30.—Shipping circles reported to-night that a radio warning to Allied ships to avoid the regular steamship lanes because of the reported presence of German submarines on this side of the Atlantic, has been sent out to-day at least once in every four hours. The warnings are believed to have come from Allied cruisers patrolling the coast. From the British Government stations at Bermuda and Halifax, similar messages have been sent broadcast for the last few weeks. Foreign ships, according to reports received here again to-day, avoided the regular traffic lane off Nantucket, where the U-53 operated on Oct. 5th.

Constantine Says Order Will be Maintained

ATHENS, Nov. 30.—According to an Entente diplomat, King Constantine has given assurances to Admiral Du Fournet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, that order will be maintained on Friday, on the expiration of the Admiral's ultimatum for the surrender of Greek artillery. The diplomat also says that on the other hand Admiral Du Fournet has promised that the means he will take to induce compliance with his demand will not include forcible seizure of the arms.

American Control Dominican Republic

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Capt. Knapp, commanding the American naval forces in Dominican waters, by proclamation has declared military rule over the Dominican Republic to break the deadlock in the local government or carry out the treaty obligations. The United States guarantees interest on the public debt and other obligations.

SANTO DOMINGO, Nov. 30.—An American military governor for Santo Domingo has been appointed.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Portia left Gaultois at 7.50 this a.m.

The Czarina will start loading at Monroe's premises to-morrow for Pernambuco.

Two boys aged 10 and 12 years respectively of the Battery were sent to hospital yesterday ill of typhoid fever.

The Viking arrived at Heart's Content from Botwood yesterday with pulp and paper and the Eagle arrived at Botwood from Heart's Content.

The Florizel did not get away to Halifax until this morning, being delayed by the freight which offered. Her additional passengers were Mr. C. Lerner, Mrs. J. Bennett, Miss F. Hiscock and 5 more steerage.

A young Naval Reservist last night was drunk on the street and used pretty bad language when Consts. Forsey and Quinlan took a hand in and conveyed him to the station. He was released by Judge Morris to-day.

This morning at an early hour Consts. Whalen and Vail found a man fast asleep on the roadside just west of the Western Fire Hall. He was in a stupor from liquor and they had to run him to the police station on an express car commanded for the occasion.

POLICE COURT NEWS

Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., J.P., presided to-day. A drunk in charge of a horse was fined \$2 or 5 days. A man drunk for the 6th time this season was fined \$10 or 3 days. A drunk and disorderly in his own house was fined \$5 or 10 days. Quite an amount of civil matter was adjudicated upon in the Central District Court.

Vice-Adm'l DuFournet Insists Upon Execution of His Demands

Greeks Expelled French Officers

ATHENS, Dec. 1.—Entente Allies are ready to begin debarkation of troops at Piraeus, the port of Athens. The Greek Government has retaken control of the post offices and telegraph lines at Athens, expelling the French control officers.

Government Upheld

MELBOURNE, Nov. 30.—At the resumption of the sessions of the Federal Parliament to-day, Premier Hughes announced that notwithstanding the conscription referendum, the Government would continue its efforts with regard to men and commodities to aid Britain and her Allies. An opposition motion of no confidence in the Government was defeated by 46 to 41.

PONHOOK'S CREW HAD AWFUL TIME

Men for Five Days and Nights Faced Death in Awful Sea—Life Boats Were Smashed Up When Masts Went Overboard—Two Steamers Pass by Unheeding Their Signals of Distress

Capt. Wm. Doyle, mate, Jos. Butt, stewards, J. Keough and Wm. Harris; and seamen Pat. O'Brien, Jas. Mason and R. Richardson, the latter of Nova Scotia, all of the ill-fated tern sloop "Ponhook," arrived here by the express last night. The "Ponhook," fish-laden for Gibraltar for orders, left Shoal Bay, Labrador, on the 16th October and had it fine till the 26th when terrific weather set in with a hurricane of wind, mountainous seas, and she was holed to under reefed canvas. Terrible gusts of wind with showers of hail intervened and the vessel was holed to about 8 hours when, suddenly, at 3 a.m. on the 26th, the mainmast went out of her over the starboard side, breaking at the deck, followed a few moments after by the fore and mizzen masts, and the vessel began to make water at an alarming rate, as the masts in going burst up the decks, and the seas which made a clean breach over her went into the hold. It was feared that she would sink under the men, who faced death momentarily, and to keep her afloat all hands manned the pumps for a while, and then it was decided to jettison the cargo.

The men then cut through the bulk heading in the cabin and fore-castle and getting into the hold were 5 days and nights alternately pumping and jettisoning the cargo of bulk fish to lighten her. Wet and cold as they were they could not get much sleep and worked with a will for 5 days and nights. The vessel was sinking under their feet, with seas constantly going over her they could not make fires to cook meals and had to be content with any fare they could grasp from the galley. Two steamers were sighted going west, and both were signalled with Union Jack upside down to the butt of the mainmast, but they carried on and paid no heed to the imperilled seamen, who at any moment expected their vessel to go under them. Their life boat and jolly boat were smashed in pieces by the falling masts and had the ship sunk all would have perished. Monday night, the 30th, when they had abandoned hope of rescue, and when the "Ponhook's" decks were awash, they saw the lights of a steamer, sent up blue lights and made flare-ups, and the ship bore down on them, proving to be the S.S. "Kronstad," of Norway, bound from Newcastle to the Gulf of Mexico.

Before leaving the "Ponhook," Capt. Doyle set her fire fore and aft. One of the steamer's boats was lowered away to take off the crew of the vessel and was smashed in pieces by her side, owing to the sea running. The mate and six seamen then manned another boat, ran down to the lee-side of the "Ponhook" and only after six hours did the crew get aboard the rescuing boat, owing to the danger attendant on jumping with such a terrible sea running. Neither captain nor crew saved any of their belongings and Capt. Doyle lost \$150 in cash. The men were treated well on the "Kronstad" and were landed at St. Michael's in the Azores.

Vice-Admiral Du Fournet, Commander of Allied Fleet in the Mediterranean, Insists Absolutely Upon the Execution of His Demands and Will see They are Realized in Spite of all Obstacles

IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID BLOODSHED

But Will Fulfill his Mission Thoroughly—If Guns Demanded are Not Surrendered he Will Land Large Detachments Which Will Not Reembark Until Demands are Complied With—Has Ample Forces at his Command and Sees no Reason Why the Arms Will not be Quietly Given up

LONDON, Dec. 1.—An Athens despatch to The Chronicle under date of November 30th ascribes the following statement to Vice-Admiral Du Fournet: "I insist absolutely upon the execution of my demands and will see that they are realized in spite of all obstacles. French, British and Italian detachments will be landed at all points necessary. I will endeavour to avoid bloodshed, but will fulfil my mission thoroughly."

ATHENS, Dec. 1.—A correspondent of The Daily Mail interviewed Du Fournet aboard his ship and quotes him similarly to the correspondent of The Chronicle. The Admiral said that he did not intend either to seize the arms or fire upon Greek troops, but declared that unless the guns were surrendered he would land large detachments which would not disembark until his demands were complied with. Other coercive measures would be taken at same time. "As I have most ample forces at my disposal," the Admiral said, "and some of the heaviest and most powerful artillery in existence, I can see no reason why the arms will not be quietly given up."

WHO ARE THE PIRATES?

The local grocer is not really the bloated plutocrat and the heartless monopolist that some people represent him. Last week there were ample instances to prove that the retailer is after all disposed to do the fair thing by his customers. Butter went up to 48 cents and some housekeepers rebelled. They would, they declared, wait until Saturday and patronize the farmer on the market. While they did this they found some of the farmers-wives asking 50 cents a pound for their butter. Then the housekeepers turned again to their grocer satisfied that if the latter are extortionists there are others still worse.—Peterboro Review.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETING.

Mr. A. Soper presided at last night's meeting of the Citizens' Committee and several members were present. On the question of taxation there was a lively discussion and the sense of the meeting was that there should be no increase in rates and that houses, whose rental is less than \$100 per year, should be rated lower in proportion than those of the better class. The matter will be further dealt with at the next meeting.

WESLEY SALE CONCLUDES

The sale of work by the Wesley Ladies' Aid concluded last night, after netting for the promoters the splendid sum of \$525, a record for this annual event. The lady promoters are very pleased over this and are deeply thankful for the generous patronage accorded it.