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GREECE AND ITALY IN WAR ON SIDE OF ALLIES BY END OF MARCH IS THE BELIEF

Government at Athens Thought To Have Already Decided

Only Word of Formal Entrance Into Conflict of Nations Now Awaited—Berlin Enraged and Greatly Excited Over The News

Rome, March 6.—That Greece and Italy will enter the war on the side of the allies before the end of March, was the prediction made by a prominent diplomat here today. He asserted that the government at Athens had already decided to cast its lot with the foes of Germany, Austria and Turkey, and that this action would also force Italy's participation.

It became known today that the Russian ambassador to Italy, A. Krompinski, had resigned. He had been the dominant member of the allies' diplomatic corps here, and had balked at every turn the efforts of Ambassador von Buelow, the German envoy, to persuade the Italian government to support the Triple Alliance.

Feeling that this has at last been accomplished, M. Krompinski, who has been in ill-health for some time, has asked his government to relieve him and his request has been granted.

Only the formal entrance of Greece into the war is now awaited here. The participation of that country and the rewards she might receive in the Balkan peninsula, would gravely menace the interests of Italy.

Paris, March 6.—Greece awaits with extreme anxiety, says the Matin's Athens correspondent, "the decision of the crown council as to yesterday's session, at which was discussed the nation's policy regarding the war. The general opinion is that the council was pronounced in favor of intervention, in which case mobilization is imminent.

The newspaper Hestia says that if the decision were to remain neutral, the ministry of Premier Venizelos will resign immediately.

BERLIN EXCITED

London, March 6.—The Daily Telegraph says, in a message from Copenhagen that, according to telegrams from Berlin, there is great excitement there respecting Greece's attitude. It is generally feared Greece soon will side with the allies against Turkey, thus fulfilling her historical duty to take part in the capture of Constantinople.

New York, March 6.—A special to the London Daily Express and New York Herald, from Amsterdam says Berlin was much excited today over the possibility of Greece joining the Allies.

The attitude of Greece, as depicted in a Wolff Bureau telegram from Athens, is said to have put the people in a state of rage. It is remembered with considerable bitterness that the Kaiser, two years ago, bestowed a field marshal's baton on King Constantine accompanying the bestowal by a surprising speech wherein Germany posed as a neutral protector of Greece. On the other hand, the scheme for the Germanization of Greece seems to have failed at Athens as it has everywhere else.

BULGARIA SECRETLY MOBILIZING

Paris, March 6.—Bulgaria has secretly mobilized three full army divisions in the neighborhood of Tirnova, according to information contained in a Saouki despatch to the Havas Agency based upon what is said to be reliable authority. The same source is responsible for the statement that the Kostendil has been sent to an unknown destination.

An unnamed officer high in the Bulgarian army is quoted as saying that "these troops would be useful in an advance on Adrianople."

Success For Allies All Along The Line

Paris, March 6.—Gains all along the battle line in Belgium, France and Germany are claimed for the allies. The French are being forced back step by step in every locality. In at least eight spheres of operations, the French, British and Belgian troops have been successful. Successes are claimed on the North Sea coast, near Ypres, North of Arras, in Champagne, in the Argonne, along the Meuse, the Woerthe district and in Upper Alsace.

The battle which is now in progress all the way from the Swiss frontier to the North Sea has still been in progress for twenty-five weeks. The French are now concentrating their efforts in the Champagne district, and are hammering away without let-up against the Germans near Souain Perthes and Hazes Les Meaux.

REPORT OF SUBMARINE LOSS BOTHERS BERLIN

New York, March 6.—A special to the London Daily Express and New York Herald from Amsterdam says: Berlin was much excited today over two most serious questions. The first was the submarine question. The first news concerned two submarines which have not reported to the naval authorities and are believed to have been lost. The second was news from Athens. On the submarine question the German naval authorities, while refusing to admit the loss, warn the public that one cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs, or smash up the British empire without losing ships.

THIRTY TWO IN AUTO RACE AT EXPOSITION

San Francisco, March 6.—After final practice spins around the four mile Panama-Pacific exposition course, early today, thirty-two drivers awaited the signal for the start of the 800 mile Vanderbilt bill cup automobile race. With ideal weather, and the track said to be in perfect condition, motor enthusiasts expected a gruelling contest. The start was to be at 12.30 p. m.

WHEAT UP AGAIN

Chicago, March 6.—Wheat made sharp advance in price today influenced by firmness of quotations at Liverpool and by their return to a normal level. A sharp demand on this side of the Atlantic. In addition, there were advices from Petrograd that belief here that immense shipments of wheat from Russia would be made as soon as the Dardanelles were open, was unfounded. Unfavorable weather in Argentina counted also against the bears. After opening 1.18 to 1.2 higher, the market scored a moderate further gain and then extended at a reaction of about 1 cent.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION CORPS OF 500 TO MOBILIZE IN ST. JOHN

Word Comes to Local C. P. R. Office

AN IMPORTANT BODY

Local Soldiers Well Pleased With The Inspection—Tomorrow's Church Services—Where Will The 55th Be Assembled?

Still another body of soldiers for overseas is to be mobilized in St. John. This time it is a Railway Construction Corps, comprising 500 men to be commanded by C. W. Ramsay, engineer of construction with the C.P.R. in Montreal, who has been granted indefinite leave of absence by the company. A letter received today by H. E. Grant, superintendent of the Atlantic division, asks for information regarding accommodation and the understanding is that this will be furnished immediately, very probably at West St. John with volunteer cars as barracks, and that mobilization will begin almost at once.

The intention is to organize this corps for the purpose of rebuilding destroyed railway lines to effect delay in the advance of the enemy, and to protect their retreat in this way. The projected body will be composed of engineers and skilled railway workmen, besides general mechanics. While no names are yet available from this division, it is understood that a few C. P. R. employees here have applied for posts with the corps, but it must be understood that the ranks are not open only to men from this company, but from other bodies as well.

The officers and men of the 28th Battalion and the Army Service Corps, No. 6 Co., are pleased and cheered with the results of the inspections of yesterday by Major General Lessard, Major General Rutherford, Major Roy and other officers. The former expressed himself as delighted with the two units. The latter expressed his satisfaction with the service of the 28th Battalion, and the instruction was given by Major Roy, and it was appreciated.

The 28th Battalion will conduct another drum-head service tomorrow morning in the armory, with Rev. Captain R. B. Hooper, chaplain, officiating. The Catholics of the unit will parade to the Cathedral, and the parade of the City Coronet band. The parade of the Army Service Corps will be to St. John's Cathedral, and the parade of the 28th Battalion will be to St. John's Cathedral. The 28th Battalion will attend evening church services tomorrow night at St. John's Cathedral, and the 28th Battalion will be entertained at a social in the schoolroom.

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FINED IN ONE CASE

In the police court this morning Ganco Ellet, a Bulgarian, appeared to answer a charge of operating a punch board, and also for giving tobacco to a minor. An interpreter was necessary. After the testimony of Harry Luddecke, a special patrolman who made the charge, and that of a little boy had been taken the magistrate fined the Bulgarian \$5 for the second offence. The former will be thrashed out later. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defendant.

THE MAGGIE MILLER

Captain White, of the ferry steamer Maggie Miller, which runs on the Kennebecasis river from Millidgeville to Noversville and Baywater, said to a "Times" reporter today that he was having the boat overhauled and it would be ready for the opening of navigation. He did not expect to get to Quebec before April 1, as people were still crossing the river on foot, but if it did he would be ready to commence his regular spring schedule.

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

Twenty-six births, fourteen girls and eight boys, were recorded during the week. Registrar Jones' records also show nine marriages during the same period.

THE MARRIAGES

Capt. G. H. Bennett, of the Princess Patricia's, a native of Hopewell Cape, Albert county, is seriously ill in a hospital near the front.

The Princess Pats In Brilliant Dash

British Eye Witness Praises Canadians For Attack on a German Trench—Enemy's Bread Rations Cut Down

London, March 6.—The British official eye witness at the front in his latest report dated March 2, says: "In the last few days there has been little to record beyond further success on the part of our artillery and one minor infantry action which was brilliantly executed. The British advance north of the Bethune to Bassece road has now worked forward closer to the enemy's lines. "Our guns have maintained their superiority in the daily artillery duel. On the right centre, two German machine guns were knocked out by direct hits, and on the left, south of the Ypres-Comines canal, a hostile sapshead was blown in by a shell. "In cases where a few of the enemy have established themselves in line with our trenches, they have stretched wire netting across the top of their trenches fixed at a slant, so that bombs roll off it. "When the work was thoroughly accomplished our men retired. They had suffered only two casualties. A few were hit in the retirement, but the losses were very slight in comparison with the results attained. The operation took only twenty minutes. "Early on March 1, the enemy attacked one of our trenches near St. Eloi after a heavy bombardment by gas and mortars. The attack was repulsed with severe losses to the assailants. "A sporting element enters into the contest of sniping. The rival sharpshooters signal the result of the shots to one another with a flag. "A great many of the attacks undertaken by both sides at the present stage have for their object the capture of rising ground which will enable one side to bombard the other. "A prisoner has confirmed the fact that the troops opposed to us at the Guiswyck brickfields, are demoralized. After the reverse of February 6, they retired in disorder abandoning their arms. GERMAN RATIONS REDUCED



COL. FARQUHAR

Commander of the regiment which is earning praise on all sides for gallant conduct.

LA TOURAINE IS REPORTED AFIRE

Big Liner in Trouble at Sea—Steamers Rush to Her Aid

London, March 6.—The steamship La Touraine is said to be in trouble at sea, and is being pursued by a submarine. The ship is reported to be in the Atlantic Ocean, and is being pursued by a submarine. The ship is reported to be in the Atlantic Ocean, and is being pursued by a submarine.

The French liner La Touraine sailed from New York on February 27 for her port of destination. Among the passengers are Rev. doctors and ten nuns on their way to France.

All on Board Safe

New York, March 6.—Marine circles have received advices that the passenger and crew of La Touraine are safe. She has on board thirty-eight passengers and forty-six in the steerage.

Aboard La Touraine when she sailed on last Saturday were 4,494 cases of cartridges intended for use in the European war.

London, March 6.—A despatch received from Queenstown at 12.28 p. m. stated that the aerogram picked up there yesterday, which was reported to have been fired by the Arab and the British, had redoubled their speed.

It was the captain of La Touraine who warned the ill-fated Titanic of the presence of icebergs in her course.

MR. FERNS HERE TODAY; GREATLY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION IN THE EAST

J. Hamilton Ferns, chairman of the Montreal board of assessors, who addressed a public meeting in St. John on this morning from Nova Scotia.

In Halifax, where Mr. Ferns delivered another address, he was very well received, and those at the meeting showed every interest in the subject. From Halifax he went to Amherst and spoke there last evening. There was a large gathering of prominent citizens, and the discussion proved profitable and interesting. Mr. Ferns is greatly pleased with the way in which he has been received on this trip, and he will go back to Montreal this evening with a high opinion of the people of the maritime provinces.

Today Mr. Ferns, who is an enthusiastic amateur photographer, is engaged securing some of the most interesting views around the city, including the new bridge, the new bridge and the harbor works.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of George Wilson took place this afternoon from the residence of his sister, Mrs. John W. Henderson, 18 Peter street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, and interment took place in Cedar Hill.

The funeral of Mrs. Luma Bourque took place this afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. J. O. Lupien, St. James street. Burial services were conducted by Rev. W. Donohue, and interment took place in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Elsie Corbett took place this afternoon from her late residence, Clarence street. Burial services were conducted by Captain David, of the Salvation Army, in the Brindley Street barracks, and interment took place in the Methodist church burying ground.

SPECIAL SERVICES SUCCESSFUL

The special services which have been held in Victoria Street Baptist church during the week have been largely attended and have proved highly successful, several having expressed their intention to lead the Christian life. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, has been assisted in the services by Rev. Gideon Swin and Mr. Lanyon, as leader of the singing, has materially assisted in the success of the meetings. They will be continued next week.

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"It would appear that the Germans are not so well off for food as formerly. During the last few weeks, instead of getting one loaf for two men, the bread ration has been reduced to one loaf for three men. They are not, however, fighting with less determination." CLEAR OF MINES THIRD OF WAY

Paris, March 6.—The Dardanelles now have been cleared of mines as far as the straits, says a Despatch despatch to the Petit Parisien, dated March 5. The mine workers are working under the protection of the allied warships, which are keeping up a steady bombardment of the forts on the European side.

CANADIANS ATTACK

Paris, March 6.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Bethune says that on March 5 a bold attack on a German trench was made by Canadian troops. The Canadians lost one killed and one wounded, and are said to have inflicted a considerable loss on the Germans.

JAPANESE LOSE THREE AVIATORS

Tokyo, March 6.—The pilot and two officers were drowned when a navy sea plane fell today at Yokosuka. The sea plane was attached to the naval station at that place.

Pope Praises Red Cross Work

Geneva, March 6.—Gustave Ador of Geneva, president of the International Red Cross Society, has received from Pope Benedict through Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, a message of congratulation upon the "great" work of the Red Cross since the war began among the troops and civilians of the belligerent nations.

The League of Nations, thanking the Pope for his message.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CALL UPON MR. PINDER FOR A REFUND

Frederick, N. B., March 6.—It is rumored in political circles that the provincial government will call upon J. K. Pinder, M.P.P. for York to refund a portion of the money in the form of bonds guaranteed by the Southamptown railway. The attorney-general has the matter under consideration.

W. H. Allen, president of the N. B. Guides' Association, and Charles Crenin, returned today from New York, where they attended the Spaxmen's Show. They say that the New Brunswick exhibit attracted much attention. They look for a big influx of tourists and sportsmen to the province next season.

The provincial government has refused to allow Doctor Gerrard, an English dentist of this city, to appeal from a conviction made in the police court here a short time ago for practicing without registration. There are now fines aggregating \$100 standing against him.

Lady Ashburnham was at home to about 200 friends yesterday afternoon.

FOR THE BELGIANS

Mayor Frink has received contributions for the Belgian fund as follows: Ludlow street Baptist church, per Mrs. E. E. Belys, \$10; proceeds of bean supper, Ladies' Sewing Club, Ford's Mills, Kent county, per Gussie McWilliams, secretary, and F. Lisie Norton, treasurer, \$20; proceeds concert and pie social, residents of Hoyt Station, per Mrs. Hubert Webb, \$81.10; Rob. K. Shives, Grand Falls, \$5; Queenstown Women's Institute, per M. Louise Scovill, secretary, \$10.

Australia has placed a ban on the export of leather.

Matter of Amendment Proposed in House of Commons

Ottawa, March 6.—W. F. McLean, M.P., has given notice of an amendment to the C.P.R. bill to provide that the terms of the transfer of the company's assets to a separate corporation should be subject to control by the Railway Commission. This amendment was proposed in the railway committee and rejected two or three days ago.

The Dutch steamer Noorderdyk has been torpedoed by Germans in the English channel, according to a London message.

Further Aid to New Brunswick Ward in Boulogne Hospital Promised

Two additional contributions of substantial amounts have been received to be added to the portion of the flag day funds devoted to the maintaining of New Brunswick ward in the stationary hospital at Boulogne, France. The contributions were for \$100 each and were given by Mrs. James Walker of South Bay, and Mrs. T. H. Estabrook.

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DIPLMATIC CORPS LEAVING MEXICO

Washington, March 6.—The foreign diplomatic corps in Mexico City has decided to leave in a body. Dispatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomats.

CONGRATULATIONS

W. G. Scovill, of Oak Hall, is receiving congratulations today, the occasion being his sixtieth birthday. Mr. Scovill is in the best of health and spirits, and looks forward to celebrating many more birthday anniversaries.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Depressions exist over the Great Lakes, off the Carolina coast, and also over Newfoundland. Snow has fallen over the greater portion of Ontario, attended by strong easterly winds. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Snow or Rain

Maritime—Fair today; Sunday, increasing northeasterly winds, with snow and rain.