

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

REFUGEES FROM KAVALA REACH ATHENS IN A VERY BAD PLIGHT

Boat Was Shelled by Hun Aeroplane When Leaving City—City Given Over to Bandits

By Courier Leased Wire. Athens, Sept. 13, via London, Sept. 15 (delayed).—The Margaret, the boat in which Baron Von Schenk, head of the German propaganda in Greece, was sent to Kavala to be turned over to the Bulgarians, arrived this afternoon with 1000 refugees who were in the most pitiable condition. They had been without food since Sunday, and were packed in the ship like sardines. The refugees said that a German aeroplane had dropped three bombs as the boat was leaving Kavala, which caused within inches of striking the ship. An eye-witness who described the entry of the Bulgarians into Kavala on Monday, said that three Greek regiments which had remained in the town were given until ten o'clock Tuesday morning to surrender as prisoners of war. At the expiration of this ultimatum they gave up their arms after a slight resistance and were taken up country. The same man said that 3,000 Greek troops had been camped on Thasos Island in two camps. One camp offered to join the allies and the men were shipped to Saloniki. The second contingent refused to desert the Greek army, and the refugees said the French proposed to return to Kavala. Terrible conditions were described on the island of Thasos, where 7,000 refugees had fled from the invaders in rowboats and sailboats. They lacked every necessity of life, and great numbers of women and children were camped out in the open without food. The refugees said that indescribable disorder reigned in Kavala, where bandits were looting the houses, and all the Greeks who could, were taking refuge in flight. They said only three or four Americans remained in town, the remainder of the colony having gone to Thasos.

GERMANS LOST 120 PLANES IN MONTH

Against only Half that Number by French—England's Wonderful Army.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 15.—Paul D. Cravath, attorney, who returned on the Kronland from a six weeks' visit to France and England, said last night that during August official figures showed that the Germans lost 120 aeroplanes as against 60 lost by the French. "I return home with all doubt removed as to the ultimate victory of the allies," he said. "I nowhere heard the slightest uncertainty in this regard and am told that the same opinion has become general in neutral countries in Europe, even in those having pro-German sympathies. In referring to the achievements of England in the war, Mr. Cravath believes Americans have heard so much of England's mistakes and shortcomings that they have lost sight of her great achievements. "By common consent among the allies," he added, "the creation of England's volunteer army, with the mobilization of the industries of the nation is regarded as the greatest achievement—always excepting the victory of the allies on the Marne, which still remains the miracle of the war. England has done in two years by the voluntary action of her people what it has taken Germany France two generations to accomplish with the most drastic measures of conscription."

THESE GREEKS Forming the Fourth Army Corps.

Are to Fight on the German Side.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—The 4th Greek army corps, with headquarters at the port of Kavala, has been placed under the hands of the Germans by its commander and the troops will be transported to Germany, it was officially announced here. The Greek troops will be permitted to retain their arms and equipment, and will retain their standing as neutrals. They will enjoy German hospitality until Greece is freed of allied invaders. The Greeks, it is said, first surrendered to the Bulgarians. The official statement dealing with the action of the Greek troops said that the 4th Greek army corps was left behind the left Bulgarian wing in the Bulgarians' advance into Macedonia. "The allies planned to force these troops to fight on their side or to suffer the same fate as the part of the 11th Greek division at Saloniki," said the official statement. "Free communication from Athens was checked by arbitrary action of the allies commander and the 4th Greek army corps at Kavala, faithful to the will of his Commander-in-Chief (King Constantine) and the legal government, was forced by famine and disease to ask the German Commander-in-Chief on September 12 to protect his brave troops and to provide them lodging and food."

ADVANCE ON FRONT OF 1000 YARDS

British take Strongly Fortified Position of "Wunder Werk" on Somme.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 15.—"Last night enemy trenches southeast of Trepail on a front of about 1,000 yards, including the strongly defended locality known as the "Wunder Werk" were captured by our troops. "This morning we attacked the enemy on a front extending from the Boulevard de la Gare to the Al-Boulevard road, a distance of about six miles. Considerable successes already have been obtained. Our troops have advanced some 3,000 to 3,500 yards at various places and the attack is progressing satisfactorily. "A large number of prisoners have been taken."

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK SATURDAY NIGHT ALL BARS AND CLUB LICENSES CEASE

License Inspector Reports That Matters Still Remain Normal—What Places May Sell Under the New Law—Very Heavy Fines in Future For Those Found Under the Influence

To-morrow (Saturday) night at 7 p.m. the bar and club licenses of the Province of Ontario will expire under the Temperance Act passed by the Government for the period of the war. All But One in Brantford. This morning "Standard Licenses" were received for all the hotels in Brantford, save one, the Imperial, whose proprietor is selling out. The others are: Kerby House, Belmont, Prince Edward, Grand Valley, New American, Strand, Bodega, and Benwell House. The new fee, which they pay per annum, will be \$1, as against the \$500 as at present. It is believed that for the most part the hoteliers in question will charge higher for rooms, and, perhaps, also, for meals, but restaurant competition may hold the latter down. There is no time set either for the opening or the closing of bars, and temperance beer (ale and porter 2 1/2 per cent) and soft drinks can be sold therein. They also can dispose of cigars, cigarettes, ice cream and so on. For the Village of Scotland, Dunn has been granted a license, and in Paris J. D. Milton, Ellen Lavoie, J. J. Flahiff, and W. B. Robb. Quite Normal. Notwithstanding the fact that only a few hours now elapse before it will be possible to buy liquor in any shop or bar, License Inspector Eacrett reports that matters have proved quite normal. It should be remembered that after 7 o'clock to-morrow night anyone found under the influence of liquor will have their case come under the provisions of the new act, which provides for a fine of from \$10 to \$100. Big Business. The holders of Brantford shop licenses report a record business, especially during the last two weeks, as many evidently wish to have a stock of stuff in the house before the new law prevails. After Saturday intoxicants cannot be purchased in this Province, but they may be brought in for home consumption from outside, and Montreal, Quebec, looks like headquarters for this trade. Reports from all over show that some bar-tenders have enlisted for overseas service. However, one Brantford hotel, at any rate (Milton's) announces that the bar-tenders will not be reduced. The general attitude of hotel proprietors may be said to be that of giving the new order of things a good trial anyway.

ALLIES WIN SERIES OF SUCCESSSES ALL ALONG MACEDONIAN FRONT

Bulgarian Defenses Broken Through and Several Positions Taken—Serbs Capture Many Prisoners

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 15.—The Entente allies have won a series of successes on the Macedonian front, the war office announced to-day. French, British and Serbian forces, operating at different points, have broken through the Bulgarian defences. The French have captured positions half a mile deep over a front of a mile. A brilliant victory for the Serbians a battle lasting several days west of Lake Ostrovo, near the western end of the fighting front. The British success was effected west of the Vardar, near the centre of the entente front, where they captured important positions. The lines forced by them were to the east of the Vardar. The Serbians captured twenty-five cannon and a large number of prisoners as yet uncounted. The Bulgarians, after their defeat, says the statement, retired for a distance of 12 miles.

THE LEVANT IS TRULY STARVING

Says American Woman After Two Years There—Locusts Destroyed Food.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 15.—(New York World)—An American woman, who recently returned from Beirut, Syria, by way of Turkey, Bulgaria, Austria-Hungary and Germany, contributes to The Times an account of her two years' experience there. She says: "The Levant is starving. This is no figure of speech, but the literal truth. Our party crossed the whole of Europe at war, visited the front countries of the Central powers and saw a lot we had rather forget than remember, but nothing existing in Europe can even be compared with the present conditions in Asiatic Turkey. The Locusts. She then describes the plague of locusts in 1915, which, she says, began the calamity. After the initial swarms had passed over and settled in the plains, where they laid their eggs, the Red Cross and other institutions sent out men and boys to dig up the eggs. Thousands of bags full were gathered, but all in vain. Presently the larvae appeared. "Like armies of black ants they marched across the plain. Every growing plant was stripped, herbs, bushes and trees were left naked, robbed even of their bark. At the end of July the whole olive and grape crop had gone. Cannibalism? "Toward spring, cases of starvation began to be known. People were found in the streets unconscious by the roadside with closed eyes and ghastly pale faces. It was a common thing to find people searching the garbage heaps for orange peel, old bones or other refuse and eating them greedily. We even heard that in a barren district of the Lebanon range cases had been found of persons eating human flesh."

MAUDE ALLAN WAS IN ZEPPELIN RAID

Was Under Fire in London on Sept. 3, When 13 Dirigibles Bombed City.

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 15.—Miss Maude Allan, the celebrated dancer, who will tour the United States and Canada, and who arrived yesterday on the Lapland, told of a narrow escape she had in the last Zeppelin raid on London, September 3, when thirteen Zeppelins bombarded the east coast of England and three succeeded in dropping bombs on London itself. Miss Allan said she was awakened at 2.30 in the morning by the heavy firing of the anti-aircraft artillery in a nearby arsenal. "Shrapnel began falling all around and Londoners had a taste of real warfare," she said. "We watched the tiny cigar-shaped object, which was occasionally illuminated by one of the high power searchlights. Suddenly a spark glowed at one end of the airship and soon little tongues of flame could be seen spurting from various parts of the envelope, and the Zeppelin burst into a mass of flames. The air remained stationary a moment they swayed and dropped with amazing rapidity. The following morning I found many pieces of shrapnel and burst shells in my garden, which showed what a narrow escape we all had."

VERDUN VETERANS Sent to Help in Somme Fighting.

Paris States Their Attacks Were Fruitless.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 15.—Twenty thousand Verdun veterans, a full division hurriedly despatched from the German Crown Prince's army to that of their debut on the Somme battlefield and since their arrival have launched a series of violent counter blows Franco-British centre between Peronne and Comblès. Berlin announced officially that "ground was gained at places," and that prisoners and booty were taken. The Paris war office on the other hand, in announcing the participation of the Verdun troops in the fighting northwest of the hard-pressed German fortress base, Peronne, asserts that their attacks were utterly fruitless. The Franco-British nose around Comblès was further contracted in the course of yesterday's fighting. The French, closing in on the town from the southeast, captured the Priex Farm. The British pushing ahead in the northwest, made further progress north of Ginchey. The German war office disputes this official British headquarters claim, asserting that attacks between Ginchey and the Somme were repulsed. The French stoutly counter-attacks between Peronne and Comblès, particularly around the villages of Bouchevines, taken yesterday. The Paris night communiqué says: "We maintained our gains in their entirety." At Verdun the French repulsed attacks west of the Meuse. A first class safe will be sold at Imperial Hotel Auction Sale, Monday and Tuesday.

BULGARIA AND TURKEY BADLY NEED HELP FROM TEUTONS

Reason For Conference of Enver Pasha and Ferdinand With Kaiser and Hindenburg

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Sept. 15.—A London News Agency despatch to The New York Sun says: "Bulgaria and Turkey are badly in need of help from Germany and Austria, because of the entry of Roumania into the war. That is why Enver Pasha, the Turkish minister of war, and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria are conferring with the Kaiser and Von Hindenburg at headquarters on the eastern front, according to a despatch from the correspondent of the Daily Express upon Budapest despatches. These despatches say that Enver and King Ferdinand pointed out to the German and Austrian leaders that if Bulgaria were attacked on the north by a large Russo-Roumanian army she would be forced to evacuate Greek Macedonia and the whole Saloniki front before General Sarrail's allied army. Enver intimated to the Kaiser that Turkish forces sent recently to the Russian front should return to aid the Bulgarians, for if the Bulgars were defeated, Turkey would be isolated and surrounded. This correspondent says Austria has promised guns but no men to aid her southern allies, but the answer of Germany is unknown. A wireless press despatch from Rome says, however, that the general council mapped out an offensive campaign in the Balkans, to which Germany is to contribute 200,000 and Austria 100,000 men."

THIRD LINE IS BROKEN

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 15.—5.11 p.m.—The British in their offensive along the Somme have broken the German third line of defence and have taken the village of Pliers, two miles north of Ginchey, according to reports received by Reuters' Telegram Company to-day. British forces are also reported to have gained the outskirts of Martiniquich, a mile and a half east of Pozieres, the reports add.

A BIG FIRE Rages in Sarnia with a Loss of \$500,000.

Sarnia, Sept. 15.—Fire which started late last night in the boiler-rooms of the huge plant of the Ontario Cannery Association in the southern section of the city, rapidly consumed the whole plant, swept through a fire wall to the premises of the Laidlaw Lumber Company, spread to the neighboring docks and caused damage estimated at \$500,000. The Ontario Cannery plant, which was razed to the ground, suffered the greatest proportion of the loss, the fire being stopped before it reached the main plant of the Laidlaw Company or the lumber piles. The boiler shop and engine-room of the Laidlaw Company were burned. Explosions. Soon after the outbreak of the fire there were two violent explosions of oil stored in the cannery, following which showers of burning boards and splinters were borne for a distance of half a mile by the south wind to the roofs of houses and factories to the northward. The firemen were forced many times to abandon their main blaze and direct attention to the smaller fires which caught in the neighborhood. The lumber piles of the Lawrence Lumber Company were on fire at one time, but volunteer helpers aided their efforts to those of the fire brigade and prevented disaster. Had the wind been from the north the premises of the Imperial Oil Company would have been destroyed, as they are only a short distance to the south.

FRENCH PREMIER Predicts Complete Victory for the Allies.

Paris, Sept. 15.—Complete victory of the allies and a subsequent lasting peace was predicted, amidst tumultuous cheers, by Premier Briand in his anxious-awaited speech before parliament yesterday, reviewing the recent developments in the great war. The premier hailed the intervention of Italy and Roumania as "contributing no little to hastening victory." While admitting that the Bulgarian invasion of Roumania "increases the difficulties" of that country, he expressed the certainty that these will be overcome. M. Briand's speech dealt at length with the allies' occupation of Greek territory. The action of the Entente, he said, was justified and necessary not only to safeguard the allied independence, menaced by the greed of our enemies."

PARIS MAN IS Killed in Action

Was Member of Famous Black Watch Unit—Two Other Paris Casualties. (From Our Own Correspondent) Paris, Sept. 15.—Word of casualties sustained by three Paris men was received yesterday in that place. Pte. Sidney Curt was killed in action; Pte. Victor Waring and Pte. J. S. Gilbert wounded seriously. Pte. Sidney Curt was prominent in athletics of war in baseball and football circles. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curt of Paris, enlisted in the 54th Battalion, and upon the arrival of that unit in England was transferred to the 72nd Regiment, the celebrated Highlanders' Black Watch. Yesterday word was received that he had been killed in action. Pte. Victor Waring, a nephew of Mrs. Bernard Brown, resided for several years in Paris, and went overseas also with the 54th Battalion. On September 11th last he was severely wounded by shrapnel shell in the arm and both shoulders. He was employed previous to enlistment at Penman's mill, No. 1, Pte. J. S. Gilbert left Paris about a year ago, and enlisted in the Fort Garry Horse. He is also seriously wounded.

BIG BOMBING.

Rome, Sept. 14, via Paris Sept. 15.—Eleven Italian seaplanes, accompanied by several aeroplanes, bombarded batteries and sheds at Parenzo, thirty miles southwest of Trieste, with good effect, according to an official statement issued to-day. The statement says the air craft all returned intact to their bases. London, Sept. 15.—Five bombs have been dropped on Sofia by two French aviators, Noel and Lesueur, according to a despatch to Reuters from Bucharest. The two airmen flew from Saloniki on their way. The voyage lasted five hours. The distance traversed was about 400 miles.

NOTE FROM FRANCE TO SWEDEN ALSO

Protest Against Swedish Policy of Neutrality. Submarines an Issue.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Sept. 15.—The French Government has instructed the Minister at Stockholm to join with the other Entente Ministers in presenting a friendly, but firm note to Sweden in regard to its policy of neutrality. The note takes issue with the position Sweden in distinguishing between submarines for war and those for commerce, which the French Government affirms has "an effect contrary to neutrality, since the Swedish naval forces would hesitate to attack a German submarine in Swedish waters under pretext that it might be a commercial submarine, whereas there would be no similar hesitation in dealing with a submarine of the allies because they have no commercial submarines." The note deals with a number of questions relative to navigation, and concludes: "The attitude adopted by the Swedish Government is at variance in obvious respects with an attitude which is compatible with the duties of a loyal and impartial neutral."

KILLED IN ACTION

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Sept. 15, via London.—Prince Frederick William of Hesse has been killed at Kara Orman. It was officially announced by the war office today in its report on operations on the Balkan front.

TOOK TRENCHES

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 15.—Preceding this morning's extensive offensive movement, the British last night drove forward southeast of Thiepval and captured about 1,000 yards of German trenches, including a strongly fortified position.

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