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FRENCH AND ITALIANS GROW IMPATIENT OVER GREECE'S DELAY

New Complications Arise as Soon as Old Ones Are Settled—Reports as to Actual Conditions Are Very Meagre—French and Italian Press Demand Stern Action on the Part of the Allies Against Constantine

BUCHAREST IS WRAPPED IN SILENCE

British Public Are Greatly Disappointed at Cheek of British Forces in Mesopotamia—Italians Have Slackened Their Offensive—Preparing For Another Plunge at Gorizia—Unusual Calm Prevails on Other Fronts

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Negotiations between Greece and the Allied Powers continue to drag on in Athens. New hints seemingly arise as old ones are smoothed out. One day it is reported a settlement has been reached only to be followed next day by a denial or accounts of fresh difficulties confronting the diplomats. People of the Allied countries, particularly those of France and Italy, are becoming impatient over the continual delays the Press are demanding stern action be taken to demonstrate to King Constantine and his ministers the determination of the Quadruple Entente to force the assurances demanded. New proposals are said to have been made by France and Great Britain in the hope of reaching an agreement.

The attitude of Roumania also remains undecided. Since the despatch announcing the closing of Roumanian ports to foreign trade was received, silence has descended upon Bucharest. Europe is awaiting anxiously the next move which will give the meaning of this order. The general belief here is that the Roumanian Government is waiting for the concentration of sufficient Russian forces in Bessarabia and a large enough Anglo-French army in Southern Serbia to make victory certain before joining the Allies.

Meanwhile Austro-Germans and Bulgarians continue rounding up the few Serb troops remaining in Serbia, and are also prosecuting with their usual energy the campaign against Montenegro.

Unusual calm prevails on the various battlefronts, even the Italians apparently slackening their offensive, probably in preparation for the next phase which they hope will place Gorizia in their hands with other commanding positions on which the Austrians' hold is weakened during past week's heavy fighting.

The check suffered by General Townsend in Mesopotamia is a severe disappointment to the British public, which took this expedition as the brightest spot thus far in the war. With the possible exception of General Botha's conquest of German Southwest Africa. Nothing has been heard from General Townsend since he reached Kutelamara, where it is likely he will make a stand as the position is a very strong one, where he could hold out until reinforcements reach him. It is not only the military failure, but the effect of the retirement will have on British pos-

The Resolve of Five Nations

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The text of the declaration, signed last week by the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Edward Grey and the French, Italian, Japanese and Russian Ambassadors in London, engaging each of these five nations not to conclude a separate peace, is as follows:

"The Italian Government, having decided to accede to the declaration between the French, British and Russian Governments, signed in London on September 5, 1914, which declaration was acceded to by the Japanese Government on October 19, 1915, the undersigned duly authorized thereto by their respective governments, hereby declare as follows:—The British, French, Italian, Japanese and Russian Governments mutually engage not to conclude peace separately during the present war. The five governments agree when peace comes to be discussed, that no one of the Allies will demand conditions of peace without previous agreement of each of the other Allies."

BRITISH FORCED TO RETIRE

Turks Claim the British Losses Are Heavy in Three Days Fighting in the Direction of Kubelamara

LONDON, Dec. 4.—An official announcement was made today that the forces of General Townsend in Mesopotamia were retiring to Kutelamara. This British announcement confirms a Berlin wireless despatch of two days ago to the effect that the British were being forced back in the direction of Kutelamara, 105 miles south of Bagdad. The wireless message quoted an official Turkish report which said that the British had suffered a severe setback, losing 5,000 officers and men in three days fighting, in falling back from vicinity of Bagdad.

It was said the British attempted to make a stand at Azizi, but were routed.

STAR OF NEW ZEALAND REPORTED ASHORE

LONDON, Dec. 6th.—A despatch received by Lloyds from Melane, near Ushant, France, says the British steamer "Star of New Zealand" is ashore a mile southwest of Melane, 46 men of her crew have been saved. The "Star of New Zealand" is a vessel of 4417 tons, and belongs to the Star Line, Belfast. The last report of the steamer available in shipping records shows her sailing from Buenos Aires on Sept 21, for an unknown destination.

session in the East which makes the result so unfortunate from a British point of view.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

The Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Dec. 4.—In Mesopotamia General Townsend is retiring on Hutelamara. He fought a rear-guard action on the night of the 30th against greatly superior Turkish forces. Our casualties are estimated at 152. River boats, disabled by shell fire, were abandoned, after guns and engines had been rendered useless. The total casualties in the Ctesiphon fighting is 4567.

In France were artillery actions and grenade fighting. A small post near Lombaertzyde was lost and recaptured. Nothing special in Russia or Italy. Serbia announces that Monastir has fallen.

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 4 (official).—The night was relatively calm. Some shells of large calibre were discharged to the east of Grenay, and in the region of Sapigney. We exploded successfully a mine near Vouquois. Tormental rains interfered with the artillery fighting.

PARIS, Dec. 5 (official).—Ministers of the Quadruple Entente conferred with M. Skouloudis, the Grecian Minister, at one o'clock on Saturday, who later called on the King.

RUSSIAN

PETROGRAD, Dec. 5.—The Russian War Office today gave out the following statement: "The situation is unchanged from the night of the 2nd to the night of the 5th. The night of the 2nd the enemy, after a heavy artillery bombardment, launched an attack upon the railway station at Old Podtchereshin, on the left bank of the Sty, south-west of Rafalovka. Our forces at first were repulsed, but regained towards the evening the lost position. "Our artillery, by concentrated fire upon the village of Semki on the left bank of the Sty, above Czartorysk, threw the enemy into disorderly flight, causing them serious losses."

FRENCH

PARIS, Dec. 6.—Official announcement was made here today of a meeting at Calais, yesterday, of representatives of France and Britain.

After lunching together, the conference, which began at 2.30 o'clock and lasted until six, during which time the principal questions uppermost at present were discussed.

The British delegates returned to London during the night and the French representatives returned to Paris.

An Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that after Premier Skouloudis had conferred with the French and British Ministers yesterday, he called a meeting of the Cabinet and then visited King Constantine.

It is reported, the Athens message says, that the subject under consideration was the fresh proposals made by the Entente Powers.

BULGARIAN

SOFIA, Dec. 6.—An official announcement made here today says that railway communication has been re-established between Nish and Sofia.

It is explained that this decision has been taken with a view to meeting the desire of the Government that American securities held in this country should be realized in order to overcome the adverse rate of exchange.

The bonds amount to about \$25,000,000.

CHINESE SAILORS MUTINY

Several Shells Fall Into Foreign Concessions—The Trouble Said to Be Confined to One Cruiser's Crew

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5.—Heavy firing was heard at 6.30 o'clock this morning from the direction of the arsenal. Soon after, the outbreak had occurred, and that the rebels had seized a warship, which was firing on another warship and the arsenal.

Several shells have fallen in the foreign concessions. The outbreak appears to have been confined to the cruiser Chaoho, the crew of which mutined. The arsenal authorities have notified the senior Consul at the foreign settlement, that they will shell and sink the Chaoho at daybreak.

Peace Party Off for Europe

OSCAR II. WITH FORD, PEACE DELEGATES SAIL FOR THE CONTINENT.—"THE PRINCE OF PEACE" BIDS THEM FAREWELL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—With bands playing and hundreds on shore shouting and cheering for peace, the ship Oscar II, bearing Henry Ford and his peace delegates for Europe, swung out from her pier at Hoboken this afternoon and headed down the bay.

With the departure of the liner one of the most unique peace missions in Europe was under way. The Oscar II will stop at Christiania and Copenhagen, where delegates from other neutral countries will join the peace mission.

The journey will then continue to the Hague, where Ford plans to establish a peace tribunal, which will endeavour to bring about the end of the European war.

Says Greece Has Agreed

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Virtually the whole of Grecian Macedonia has been handed over to the Allies as a war base, says the Berlin Tageblatt, as quoted in a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Greece has agreed to give the Allies the free use of the railroad in this territory, as well as of Aegean harbours, including Kavai.

Greece declines, however, to disarm the troops of the Central Powers if they pursue the Allied troops into Grecian territory.

The Tageblatt also is credited with the statement that the Central Powers have offered Greece Southern Albania and Islands in the Aegean on condition that she decline to grant certain demands of the Allies, and remain neutral.

Found Guilty and Sentenced

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Dr. Karl Bueinz, George Kotter and Adolph Sachmeister, of the Hamburg-American Line, convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, were sentenced today to serve one and a half years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta. Joseph Papinghaus's sentence was one year. The Hamburg-American Line was fined one dollar.

All defendants were admitted to bail pending the swearing out of a writ of error in their behalf.

THE POOR WORKINGMAN

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, in Prussian Saxony, by an explosion, with the loss of several hundred lives, is reported.

A message from Kolding, Denmark, to Copenhagen, says that discontented workmen are suspected of having caused the explosion.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

DECEMBER 4, 1915

1342—Private Frederick Charles Somerton, Trinity. Died on board Guildford Castle, Nov. 25, gunshot wound, head, fractured skull; buried at sea.

1218—Private Thomas Malcolm Hussey, South River, C.B. III at 21st General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 20; dysentery, severe.

167—Lance-Corp. Chesley Charles Belbin, 113 Cabot St. III at 21st General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 20; Enteric, severe.

578—James George Washington Hagen, St. Pierre. III at 21st General Hospital, Alexandria, Nov. 20; Enteric, severe.

1251—Private Silas Edgecombe, Ochre Pit Cove. Admitted to Hospital, Nov. 2, Netley; Rheumatism.

717—Private Michael Driscoll, Admitted to Hospital, Nov. 2, Netley; Jaundice.

The Following Additional Information Respecting Casualties Already Reported Has Been Received

320—Private Wm. Joseph Green, 39 Water W. Previously reported wounded, Nov. 5; now reported admitted to Hospital, Nov. 27, Netley.

569—Private Jens William Jensen, Harbour Breton. Previously reported wounded, Nov. 5; now reported admitted to Hospital, Nov. 27, Netley.

112—Private Edward Joseph Murphy, Mundy Pond Rd. Previously reported Dysentery (Alexandria); now reported admitted to Hospital Wandsworth, London, Nov. 27; Dysentery.

JOHN R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Socialists to Talk Peace

LONDON PAPERS JEER AT GERMANY'S TALKING PEACE NOW.—BRITAIN IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE TO THE END.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A cable from London this morning to the Herald says: "An official German wireless announcement that the Imperial Chancellor will permit the Socialists in the Reichstag to interpolate the government on possible terms of peace is intensified by the fact that Berlin's balloon is loosed at the moment when Henry Ford's modern Noah's Ark leaves New York in what the Allies regard as an impudent attempt to place the Allied powers in a false position."

Every newspaper in London, this morning jeers at Germany's talk of peace, at the moment when Britain is now fully supplied with three million men, munitions and money, and is ready to fight to the only possible end of the war, victory for the freedom of Europe.

Italian Confidence Unshaken

ROME, Dec. 5.—The Deputies today voted confidence in the Government by an overwhelming majority. The vote was taken after a debate on the recent statement of policy by the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and a speech by Premier Salandra, who said that the Government was fully aware of the gravity of the international situation, but that its confidence in final victory was in no wise shaken.

CENTRAL POWERS ARE BEGINNING TO CRUMPLE THINKS MILITARY EXPERTS

South Africa to Increase Forces

CAPETOWN, Dec. 6.—General Jan Christian Smuts, Minister of Defence of the Union of South Africa, announced today at a public meeting that the entire force asked for the East African expedition, has been recruited, and that the Imperial Government will be informed that the Union was increasing its forces to provide for contingencies.

Explaining the decision to send an expedition to East Africa, Gen. Smuts said this action was taken because of the danger arising from the arming of natives by Germans and by preaching of a Holy War against Christians, which he declared the Germans were lending assistance.

NOT SEEKING PEACE

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The Government has issued a statement denying reports that Germany is seeking peace.

BULGARS WANT TO QUIT

Deserters Arriving at Florina Say Great Majority of Bulgarian Soldiers Don't Want to Continue the Struggle in Interests of Germany

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following despatch under current date:

"It is reported from Florina that Bulgarian troops remain camped in the vicinity of Monastir, at a place named St. Kieklaki. A delegation of inhabitants went out to the Bulgarian outposts to notify the troops they could enter the town. The Bulgarian officer said that he had no orders to enter the town, and recommended that the inhabitants organize a civic guard to maintain order."

"Bulgarian deserters, arriving at Florina, say that the great majority of Bulgarian soldiers think the war has been ended by the occupation of Macedonia and do not want to continue fighting in the interests of the Germanic Powers."

ONLY OFFICERS HAVE ENTERED MONASTIR

LONDON, Dec. 6.—It is officially announced that only German, Austrian and Bulgarian officers have entered Monastir, with no troops accompanying them, says a despatch from Athens. The flags of the three nations represented by the officers who entered the city were raised over the Government House, the despatch adds.

COAL CARGO "MINED"

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 5.—The Swedish steamer Norvik, from Grimsby for Stockholm, with coal, struck a mine and sank. The captain, engineer, a stoker, stewardess and cook were drowned. The remaining 14 of the crew were saved by the steamer Ambra and taken to Norway.

Other Messages

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