

Asquith, Grey and Lloyd-George in Paris Kaiser Anxious Over Kitchener's Mission Serbian Army Seems in Desperate Straits

KAISER TO EAST Kitchener's Visit to Balkans Causes German Emperor Much Anxiety.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Nov. 17.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables this morning as follows: The Kaiser, according to reports from Amsterdam, sending grave peril in Lord Kitchener's presence in the Near East, is abandoning the tottering idol, Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, who is making a desperate effort to capture Dvinsk, and is hurrying to the Balkan theatre of war, where, as a result of his peremptory orders, the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, reinforced by Turks, have begun a great effort to crush the Serbians and destroy the Franco-British forces before the latter's number are augmented by the troops landing daily at Salonica. The Bulgarians have driven a wedge between the Serbs and the Franco-British forces after a series of sanguinary battles near Tetovo and the Serbians, forced out of strong positions by overwhelming numbers are retreating on Prilep and Monastir, the latter town being the objective of the invaders. The Serbian army which has been holding Babuna Pass for more than a week against greatly superior numbers, was compelled to withdraw yesterday, and the Bulgarians, strongly reinforced, crossed the mountain barrier and are closing in on Prilep, after interposing a force between the Anglo-French and Serb columns. The Kaiser's presence in the Balkans is designed to offset the influence exerted by Lord Kitchener in Athens and Bucharest, and I am informed that his program is to establish a supreme war council in Constantinople, where, treating the Sultan as Francis Joseph's aged Emperor, he will direct the operations. In view of the renewed great Russian offensive, the effect of the capture of Warsaw and the retreat of the Tsar's armies has been lost, and the Kaiser is shrewdly counting on regaining his lost position as the support of Greece and Roumania, as his recent ultimatum shows, when he is firmly established in Constantinople, directing all the movements of the troops of the central empires, as well as those of Bulgaria and Turkey. The only way to foil his grandiose scheme according to the military experts, is to continue hurling reinforcements into the Balkans and to bring the allied sea power into action in the Aegean Sea. But time is a great factor now, and the situation, with Greece trembling in the balance, will not be helped by the disquieting shrieks of the "whimpering press" that "all is lost."

LETTER FROM PTE. PROUSE FROM FRONT Tells in Interesting Manner of Various Little Happenings in Belgium.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. Prouse, 266 Darling street from her son, Arthur, written in Belgium, Oct. 28.— He says the weather is cold and wet and overcoats are necessary all the time. He saw Col. Colquhoun but was not speaking to him. He wants some papers sent to him— Belgium, Oct. 28th, 1915. Somewhere "Your ever most welcome and loving letters and post cards received all O. K. and was glad to hear all were well. I am fine at time of writing. Well, Mother, the Allies are still going ahead, slow but sure. What did you think of that big drive? I tell you British and French certainly did give it to the Huns. The bombardment was terrible. We will make these Germans look sick before we get through. The Russians have done fine. I don't think the war will last much longer, so cheer up. I expect to eat my Christmas dinner with you, so be sure and keep my place at the table. The winter weather has set in out here, being very cold and wet, rain and wind, and heavy frosts at night. We have to wear our overcoats all the time now, it is so cold. I saw Lieut.-Col. Colquhoun, also Freddie Williams a short time ago, but did not have a chance to speak to them, as they were going into the trenches and were coming out. They looked well. I also saw some of the boys of my old squadron and was talking to some of them. It seems good to meet a friend from your own home town. They looked well. I am enclosing you a flower I picked while on listening post duty, about 50 yards out in front of our trenches. That is the place you sometimes read of in the paper called "No man's land." Well our battalion had their pictures taken; also the officers. I am going to get some and send them to you. How is everything and everyone in old Brantford? Give the friends my best regards. And, dear mother, I wish you would send me some good warm underwear—the kind I used to have when home, we need them out here. Tell G— to send me some c—s; they help to pass the day along, when a fellow sits in the trenches waiting to see a Hun stick his bayonet to take a shot at him. Please send me along some papers. This is all I can think of now, so will close. Hoping all are well at home." Pte. Arthur Prouse.

Brantford's Bright Pupils Have Been Photographed FOR GROUP PICTURES SEE PAGE 7

FATE OF SERBIAN ARMY MAY BE ONLY A MATTER OF HOURS

Bulgarians Have Taken Krusevo and Allies in Danger of Being Outflanked — Diplomatic Phase Better.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Nov. 17.—The fate of the Serbian army may be only a matter of hours. Monastir, in southwest Serbia, is reported to be in such a perilous position, that the consular officials have departed from the city. From the various conflicting reports which have reached the public, the following apparently may be deduced as facts: The Bulgarians have taken Krusevo and are six miles west of Perlepe. Thus the southern Serbian army and its Franco-British allies are confronted with the imminent peril of an outflanking movement. Tetovo is in the hands of the Bulgarians. The fate of the Serbians holding Babuna Pass is more obscure. One report states that the pass has been forced. It seems certain that the defenders are at least threatened so seriously that their position soon may be untenable. With Krusevo and Babuna in the hands of the invaders, the fate of Perlepe would be sealed and the road to Monastir opened. A LITTLE SUNSHINE. While the military situation becomes darker from the standpoint of the Entente allies, the diplomatic phase of their near eastern venture is somewhat more favorable. Greece is giving some indication that she is seeking a solution of the problem which would be presented if Entente troops should take refuge on Grecian territory. It is clear that the Entente powers are bringing considerable pressure to bear on Greece, not the least of which is England's detention in home ports of a fleet of Greek merchantmen. Greek shipping is making enormous profits out of the war, and even a temporary check of its activities would mean a great loss. RUSSIANS HOLD STYR. Along the eastern front interest centres on the attempted recrossing of the Sty, where the Austrians and Germans claim an important success. Retrograde reports merely admit Austro-German occupation of the village of Podgac, about five miles from the river, and a slight advance east of that place. It is asserted the advantage gained by the Teutonic forces in this region is due to the arrival of reinforcements from other sections of the eastern front and heavy artillery brought up by railroad. From the conflicting reports it may be seen that the east bank of the Sty is held by the Russians, while the battle for the crossings is still undecided. Reports from the western front indicate that military activities there are limited to gather general artillery exchanges.

PRIVATE JAMES HENRY LOWES KILLED OCT. 30TH

Sad News Contained in Telegram to Boy's Father Received This Morning. Ottawa, Nov. 16. Mr. James Lowes, 50 Duke street, Brantford: "Deeply regret to inform you 50-159 Pte. James Henry Lowes, 12th Battalion, officially reported killed in action, Oct. 30th. Adjut.-General." Pte. Lowes was a cigar maker by trade, and learned his business with the Fair Co. For a few months prior to his enlistment, he had been



working in Hamilton, but still made his home here for the week-ends. It was in the Ambitious City that he joined the colors, but he was later transferred to the 19th and his last letter was dated from Belgium. He was 29 years of age, an only son, and was for a long time identified with the highest esteem, as indeed he was by all who knew him. Mrs. Eli Symonds, Chatham street, is a sister, and the father is now residing with herself and husband. Naturally they and the other relatives are prostrated over the sad news. They will have the deep sympathy of the entire community. Deceased was a well known member. (Continued on Page 4)

MAY USE THE POPE

Central Powers are Moving For Peace Through Pontiff If U. S. Won't Act.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Nov. 17 (in Montreal Gazette)—From an extremely well-informed source it is learned that a definite move in the direction of peace by the central powers is in contemplation, if not even actually in preparation. The agency by means of which Germany and her allies will seek to approach the entente powers has already been selected by Wilhelmstrasse; and, though it cannot be definitely stated that the American Government is the chosen instrument, there are indications, according to the information, that Berlin's eyes will be turned hopefully on Washington. If the preliminary negotiations should show that President Wilson's declared readiness to act would be nullified or restricted by the convention, arrived at on data available, that his mediation was unlikely to be acceptable to one section of the warring powers, it is probable that recourse will be had to the Pope. The informant who makes this prediction has recently been in Germany where, as an official holding a high position in a neutral country he had good opportunities of gauging the views of leading men. The realization that the continuance of the war will be disastrous to Germany's economic, financial and commercial resources, and particularly to her future recuperation, owing to the drain of man power, he says, is strong among men who count the most in the empire's councils. Their confidence in their ability to maintain their military superiority is just as great, but peace is essential, even at the sacrifice of many things their armies have won. How far Germany would go in that direction, he says, is a question which can be decided only when the terms of peace actually come up for discussion; but he asserts that Germany and Austria are ready to meet the Entente powers considerably more than half way. Whether the latter are likely to accept anything less than they have laid down as conditions of peace is altogether another matter, on which the informant expressed no opinion. But on the point that the central empires want peace at even, from their point of view, a high price, and will this winter make definite proposals through the best intermediary available, he is most emphatic. A tender by the Pope of his good offices at Christmas time seemed to him the most likely conjuncture.

There is Still Doubt

As to the Identity of Miss MacLean, Wounded Nurse — Cable of Inquiry Sent.

The Courier last evening quoted a despatch from Paris in which it was stated that bombs had been dropped on some temporary huts which children inhabited and that two Canadian nurses, Miss Saunders and Miss MacLean had been wounded. It was pointed out that Miss MacLean had gone as a nurse from Brantford and that the family were naturally very anxious. Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., at once wired Ottawa and received an answer to-day that the initials were E. F.—those of Miss MacLean—but it is still thought they were taken from the Ottawa list. To clear the matter up the authorities at Ottawa are calling. It was only last Wednesday that Miss MacLean cabled her people from the Old Land, and they do not see how she could have been under fire in so short a space of time thereafter. Her many friends hope for the best.

KITCHENER TO VISIT GREEK KING

Constantine Wants to Meet Him and Discuss Military Situation.

Athens, Nov. 16.—Via London, Nov. 17.—The newspapers here state that Earl Kitchener, British war secretary, has left Mudros for the Gallipoli peninsula.

WANTS TO MEET K. London, Nov. 17.—The Greek Government appears to be adopting a less uncompromising attitude, says the Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. It is believed to be seeking a satisfactory solution of the question as to its attitude toward allied troops which might take refuge in Greek territory, although it hesitates to make a declaration in the form demanded by the Entente powers.

The correspondent says King Constantine has expressed a desire to see Earl Kitchener, the British secretary for war, who is now in the Near East and discuss the situation with him from a military standpoint. The diplomatic corps has gone from Monastir to Florina, just across the border in northern Greece.

Arabs Join British. London, Nov. 17.—According to reports from German sources, forwarded from The Hague by the Central News, 12,000 Arabs have joined with the British army in Mesopotamia. This army is said to have approached within a few miles of Bagdad.

Vote in Port Arthur. By Special Wire to the Courier. Port Arthur, Ont., Nov. 17.—A local option petition signed by approximately 1700 names was declared O.K. and accepted by the City Council and the vote will take place on January 3.

LIST OF 32ND BATTERY MEN TRANSFERRED TO BATTERY IN TORONTO

- List of names of men transferred from the 32nd Battery, C.F.A., to the 40th Battery, C.F.A., at Toronto: Sergt. McNamara, H. F., 33 Palace St., married. Ashby, Harry, 113 Chestnut Ave., married. Ashbury, R. G., R. R. No. 5, Brantford, single. Ashbury, R. C., R. R. No. 5, Brantford, single. Abbott, W. W., New Durham, married. Abbott, T. D., Port Dover, single. Aitchison, E., 137 Chestnut Ave., single. Bottrell, Albert, 107 Lyons Ave., married. Butler, Charles, 21 Bowes Ave., single. Banks, Edward, 56 Bridge St., married. Bumstead, Bert, 16 North Park St., married. Cook, D. W., 70 Victoria St., single. Cook, J. V., Court House, single. Chapman, A. G., 140 Eagle Ave., married. Coleman, F. E., Farrington Hill P. O., single. Carson, Samuel, 265 West Mill St., single. Carson, Charles, Oakville, Ont., single. Coutts, Harry, Wingham, Ont., single. Claringbould, T. H., 175 Wellington St., single. Clark, Frank, 4 Tom St., Tutela P. O., married. Coleman, John, Farrington Hill P. O., single. Cahill, Roy, 143 Nelson street, single. Davis, Stanley, 38 Brighton Place, single. Dickie, J. W., 48 Albion Street, single. Doherty, D. C., 145 Nelson street, married. Daniel, W. C., 124 George street, single. Fennell, O. B., 48 Brighton Place, single. Fisher, Gordon, Tutela P. O., single. Gore, Charles, Crandell Ave., Tutela P. O., married. Grand, H. W., Gladstone Avenue, single. Graham, Robert, Galt, single. Hawley, Henry, 76 Ontario street, married. Harris, Eimer, 73 Grand street, single. Jennings, Ralph, 85 Pearl Street, married. Johnston, Walter, 182 Brant Ave., single. Kelso, Roy, J., 9 West Mill street, single. Kirkpatrick, P., Hamilton, single. Lamb, Roy, 290 Park Ave., single. Leishman, Bert, Paris, Ont., married. Lynn, A. H., 140 Darling street, single. Lester, Herbert, Paris, Ont., married. Malloy, John, 47 Arthur street, married. Mears, Leonard, 270 Murray street, single. Morson, A., single. Moyer, C. F., 190 Marlboro street, single. Mayer, R. T., 46 Superior Street, single. Moffatt, G. S., 27 Duke Street, single. McQueen, George, 18 Grant street, married. McLoockan, Kenneth, single. McLisac, John, 106 Victoria street, married. McDonald, Wm., 14 St. George street, single. Napier, J. R., 219 Nelson street, married. Nash, G. S., Massey-Harris, single. Nash, A. L. S., Dunnville, Ont., single. (Continued on Page 4)

PART OF BRITISH WAR COUNCIL VISITS FRANCE

Object Not Disclosed But Probably Means Effort at Closer Co-ordination — Will Meet Premier Briand, Gallieni, and Probably Joffre.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Nov. 17, 2.29 p.m.—Official announcement was made to-day that Premier Asquith, Foreign Secretary Grey, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions; and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, have arrived in Paris for consultation with the French Government. Paris, Nov. 17.—The precise object of the visit to Paris of members of the British War Council, whose arrival was announced last night, has not been disclosed. It is generally assumed that the presence in France of the men who are charged with the responsibility of conducting the war for Great Britain, marks an important development in the policy of co-ordination among the entente powers, as announced by Premier Asquith in his recent speech before the House of Commons. With Premier Asquith are David Lloyd-George, munitions secretary; Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary,

and A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty. On the assumption that they are to put into practical effect the decision to bring France and Great Britain into closer touch, it is expected they will meet Premier Briand, General Gallieni, minister of war, and possibly General Joffre, who is credited with having done much to bring about a greater degree of co-operation among the allies during his recent visit to London. The British War Committee as announced by Premier Asquith last week consists, during the temporary absence of Field-Marshal Kitchener, of the Premier; David Lloyd-George, A. J. Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary of the Colonies, and Legation-old McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer. In addition it was said Foreign Secretary Grey would share in the work of the committee, when foreign relations were under consideration.

PRIVATE WIRELESS STATION FOUND ON MAINE COAST

British Authorities Object to it — Hungarian Labor Leader in Cleveland Accused of Bribery in Connection With Strike.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Washington, Nov. 17.—The British Embassy to-day directed attention of the state department to a private wireless station at Deering, Maine, near Portland, which is said to have been communicating with vessels at sea. Whether trans-Atlantic communication has been attempted is not known. The Tuckerton wireless station, now under supervision of naval censors, has recently picked up messages which excited some attention, although their origin has not yet been traced. Some time ago when the station at Deering was building, officials of the navy department and the department of commerce watched its progress closely.

SOLICITED A BRIBE. Cleveland, O. Nov. 17.—Albert Henyei, Hungarian labor leader and adviser, charged yesterday by Louis Loebel, also a Hungarian, and who is city immigration inspector, with having solicited a bribe of \$5,000 to end the munitions strike of Hungari-

an machinists at the Theodore Kuntz Automobile Body plant here, was to appear before Mayor Baker this afternoon to deny and defend the charges. Henyei resigned the presidency of Hungarian local 179, Carriage, Wagon and Automobile Workers Union, and the chairmanship of the committee handling the Kuntz strike after Loebel's charges were made public yesterday. In a statement to-day, Henyei denied he solicited a bribe, and charged that Loebel offered him money. PROTECT RELIEF WORKS. London, Nov. 17.—The British foreign office is asking the state department at Washington to take diplomatic steps to assure protection for the women connected with the relief missions in Serbia. Making an announcement to this effect in the House of Commons this afternoon, Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under secretary for for-