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February 22, 1915.—I have only lately learnt the part played by the present queen of Rumania (nee Edinburg) at the beginning of the war, when the Emperor Francis Joseph appealed to the king of Rumania to come to the aid of Austria and Germany, and after debate the chief politicians voted by a majority of 13 to 1 for neutrality. Carmen Sylva was not for Germany and so was the king. The crown princess (as she then was), said that England had never

LORD BERTIE'S DIARY

What Britain's Ambassador Saw in the War.

In the following installment of "The Diary of Lord Bertie of Thame (1914-1918)" the ex-ambassador to France describes an interview between Lloyd George and Raymond Poincaré, president of the republic, at which he was present. On this occasion he saw the first proposal of a Saloniki expedition.

Friction between Kitchener and French, the "suicidal head" of the Russian ambassador, the shortage of shells, provide matter for characteristic comment.

Zionism, for which Lord Bertie had a hearty dislike, is described as "an absurd scheme," and Edmond de Rothschild received no encouragement in his "hobby" from the ambassador.

IV.
Jan. 29, 1915.—Tonight a dinner at the house of a woman whom I have managed hitherto to avoid as a hostess; but as she invited me by word of mouth for four successive days, and I pleaded engagements, she then proposed a date a fortnight ahead: I was caught!

Brind held forth after dinner to the same effect as at Bordeaux on French political life. Marie Muscat, the Russian co-religionist, established in Manchester to "talk" about what I think an absurd scheme, though they say that it has the approval of Lloyd George, Samuel and Crewe; they did not mention Lord Reading. It contemplates the formation of Palestine into an Israelite state, under the protectorate of England, France or Russia, preferably of England; they did not think that Russia or France would raise objections?

Scoffed at Zionist Scheme.
Fancy the Christian holy places in the custody of the Jews, who would have to keep order between the Roman Catholic priests and the Orthodox monks—who are in the habit of

other, and have to be restrained by the Turkish soldiers! The scheme-maker would be ready to leave the custody to an international board if necessary—or even the custody of the house of old de Rothschild, they would build a new one near by.

France has an eye on Syria, but I do not think it would be advisable to have France on the borders of Egypt, or Russia either, though the brothers Buxton see no harm in the sentimentality of the old de Rothschild, they would build a new one near by.

My Russian visitor says that such a solution must come within the next twenty years, perhaps in forty years, he hopes that I don't think him a dreamer! The Jews are the only people capable of reclaiming Palestine, by intensive culture. How, even, this scheme, like many others, is a counting of chickens before the issue of the war.

Discussed Saloniki Plan.
Feb. 2, 1915.—I accompanied Lloyd George to an audience which he had this afternoon of the president of the republic. The conversation was entirely on the subject of a military expedition, Anglo-French, or solely British, to Saloniki, with a view to committing Greece and Bulgaria to a common front against an Austro-German attack to crush her, it being the view of the British government that in order to lessen the German pressure in the north, there should be an effort to bring in new forces in the east.

Venezuela suggested a contingent of 5,000 men. Kitchener considered it should be an army corps of two divisions, which, if British, would be about 25,000 men.

The president said that he saw certain advantages, diplomatic and political, in the suggestion put forward by Lloyd George, and the French government, would consult General Joffre, whose views were shared, he understood, by General Foch, and Sir John French, but he evidently did not anticipate that the general would be willing to detach any contingent from his armies, and that the political considerations must be very strong to justify the French government in disregarding the views of their military authorities.

Mooted Allied War Council.
Lloyd George also called the president's attention to the advisability of setting up a council in France, with representatives from the French, Russian and British commanders-in-chief, so that the latter may be kept informed of the intentions and operations of their colleagues, there being at present a lack of co-ordination between the armies of the allies—which is an advantage to the German commander, M. Poincaré, and seemed to approve the suggestion.

February 4, 1915.—The chancellor of the exchequer, being desirous of having some conversation with Sir Brind, I invited them to meet at dinner at the embassy this evening. We were six—Versé and his wife, Lady Aberdeen, Lennox, After dinner Lloyd George, Brind and I sat in the library, and I acted as interpreter. Lloyd George is by no means understanding some French, but not an appreciable quantity; what was said and repeated between the two ministers might have been said in about twenty minutes, but the conversation lasted for over an hour and a half. On the part of Lloyd George it consisted of much the same arguments which he had used to the president in favor of an expedition to Saloniki.

Brand Favors Project.
Brind said that he had, nearly three months ago, advised such a measure to relieve the German pressure in Belgium and France—a Franco-British force of almost 400,000 men—but the French military authorities were against it and the cabinet rejected the idea. Yesterday, as a result of the representations made on behalf of the British government, and after telegraphic consultation with General Joffre, they had come back on its previous rejection and accepted the suggestion in principle.

Shifts Campaign in Balkans.
Brind explained his views as follows: In order to relieve the situation in Belgium, and the north of France, where the situation amounts to a stalemate, the campaign should be shifted to the Balkans. An expedition to Saloniki by British and French people in conjunction with the Greek army, and pressure by Russia, would certainly bring Rumania into the field, and determine the attitude of Bulgaria, who might be a stalemate, the campaign should be shifted to the Balkans. An expedition to Saloniki by British and French people in conjunction with the Greek army, and pressure by Russia, would certainly bring Rumania into the field, and determine the attitude of Bulgaria, who might be a stalemate, the campaign should be shifted to the Balkans. An expedition to Saloniki by British and French people in conjunction with the Greek army, and pressure by Russia, would certainly bring Rumania into the field, and determine the attitude of Bulgaria, who might be a stalemate, the campaign should be shifted to the Balkans.

I showed to Brind a memorandum of the decision arrived at at the council meeting this morning, which he passed as correct.

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been beaten; she could and would go on for ten or even twelve years, until she won, and it would be folly for Rumania to fight against her. Brind, Edinburg's daughter, said that the queen had a violent attack, but the crown princess stayed to her guns and her arguments had great effect on the politicians.

February 23, 1915.—Esher came to luncheon today; the following is from him. There is constant friction between Kitchener and French; the former has no particular likes or dislikes, but is tactless and persistent, and does not always do the right thing. French has both likes and dislikes. He is justifiably angry at Kitchener, having an officer at Joffre's headquarters in direct communication with London, instead of with St. Omer.

K. will not increase French's force; the new army will be for such purposes as K. may see fit to command. Lloyd George's indiscretion. March 1, 1915.—The Dardanelles business is doing well. DeLacasse was leaving just we should make to the Americans the soft answer were which turneth away wrath. Luckily, we have not made a foolish admission to a newspaper man that we should not have gone to war so far as he was concerned. It is not this would be as it has since been proved, have been a very parochial view to take. France would have been crushed, notwithstanding any German abstention from attacking the French coasts, and we should afterwards have had to fight Germany without French aid.

Wass Too Oriental.
March 2, 1915.—There is again friction between Kitchener and Joffre; the former thinks that he is a greater adept at negotiation; his ideas are very oriental and not suited to an Englishman when dealing with French people, who do not understand a tricky way which says: "If you don't do this, I don't do what I promised."

March 3, 1915.—I met Javolsky (the Russian ambassador), who, waiting to see DeLacasse, the commander and his emissaries, had swelled feet and everything swelled. DeLacasse seems dazed like a rabbit when hunted by a weasel. Grey's hens are coming home to roost, and he must feel very embarrassed. Some people here seem to expect that the ship will be in the Golden Horn in a week. Public opinion in Russia will be pleased as a reason for all sorts of extravagant claims, which will set against them Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, and, I think, public opinion in England and France.

Lonks to Speak Mind.
March 6, 1915.—If Javolsky and his masters persist in their exaggerated view, they will suspect the apple-cart with a vengeance. I have not seen him today but, if he were a witness "to tell the truth," he would be a witness to the whole truth and nothing but the truth, which would be a long and tedious story. He is very fond of his own opinion, and he is accordingly in the innocence of his own belief. "Er, Kitchener," he says, "listen to fox's struggles with the truth, accepting his prevarications as though they were the gospel, though he is long some sense up to be able to say: 'You are liar.'"

March 7, 1915.—I have seen Brind, with the charming voice, he is all for doubling the army and Co. Sagenow assumes the airs of an all-around victor and dictator; the part don't suit him but who is going to tell the cat? Nonsense seems to be the job.

Wanted More Arrests.
March 4, 1915.—In the course of a long walk in the Bois yesterday with Murray of Elibank we had some talk. There have been a number of German subjects at large, the war office and home office blaming each other; the matter was brought up in cabinet. Kitchener said that not sufficient arrests had been made; McKenna replied that he had stopped further arrests because the W.O. said that there was no further accommodation for the arrested. K. retorted that it could only have been a major who said so. McKenna then gave orders that arresting should be resumed, which caused friction between the police and the soldiers, who declined to admit the arrested to the camps. One of the army council then requested that no more arrests should be made. McKenna ordered Sir E. Henry to go and see the next cabinet meeting asked K. whereby he still maintained that it was only a major. Kitchener had to eat his words! All this is very childish, and the W.O. seems to be the job.

Shortage of Shells.
March 18, 1915.—Esher has again been to the French headquarters; he hears there is to be a meeting between K. and Joffre, and that the latter will never hit it off; the latter feels the former is not frank with him. Esher wants me to try to smooth matters; I told him the best solution would be a meeting between Aquilino, Kitchener, Grey and Millerand. As Joffre, he thinks Kitchener and Millerand will never hit it off; the latter feels the former is not frank with him. Esher wants me to try to smooth matters; I told him the best solution would be a meeting between Aquilino, Kitchener, Grey and Millerand. As Joffre, he thinks Kitchener and Millerand will never hit it off; the latter feels the former is not frank with him.

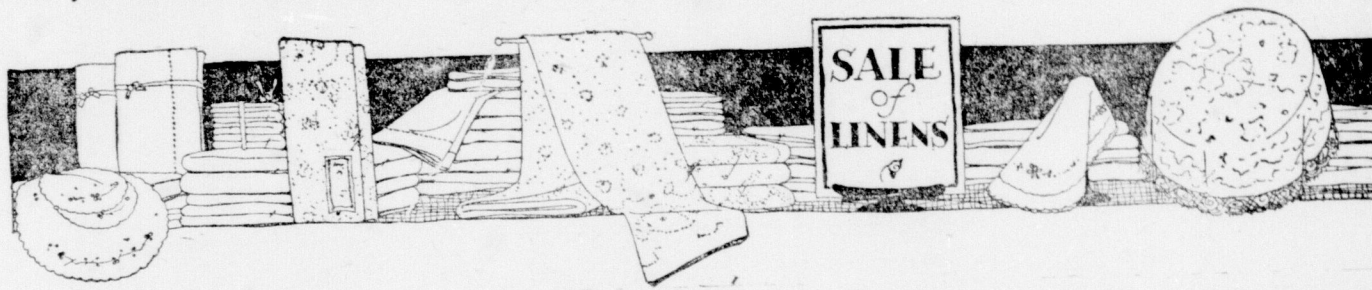
General Henderson is in Paris on his way to the Riviera to recuperate. March 26, 1915.—I hear that at Joffre's headquarters there is a feeling that French does not always carry out Joffre's directions; there ought to be frequent consultations as to what is to be done and the way to do it, and when the plan is settled French might so act as desired by Joffre; otherwise there will be confusion which may lead to disaster. Want of ammunition, particularly of shells, is what has delayed and is delaying all sides, and particularly the French, who always thought they had a sufficiency. The assumption has been stupendous and has far exceeded all calculations. It is very lucky that a radical government is in power at home, for no minister could have dealt with the railways, food supplies, blockade, and strikers in the automatic fashion of the present ministry.

I suppose that the delay in organizing workshops is due to the hope that matters would not make it necessary that they could rub along somehow and avoid doing what might make the ministry unpopular with the labor party. Kitchener, however, is not a politician; he is a vote-catcher, and out to have insisted. (To Be Continued.) (Copyright, 1924, in Canada and United States by North American Newspaper Alliance.)

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