

HEAR FOSTER AND GRAHAM!

REMEMBER THE GREAT MASS MEETING TO-NIGHT AT OPERA HOUSE IN AID OF RECRUITING AND RED CROSS FUND.

ENEMY THINKS SPRING WILL BRING PEACE

State Official in Berlin Says Business Sense Will Drive Them.

SHE MAKES NO OFFERS

Political Group Discuss the "Aims of the War" Continually.

INDEMNITY THE PRINCIPAL ITEM

Also the Restoration of Huns' Lost Colonial Empire, With a Little of Belgium's.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—"But by Spring we shall probably have peace, this remark of a state official in a very high place may be taken as indicative of the view held in the German government circles. The remark was made during a discussion of certain possibilities in the Balkans.

Pressed to give a reason for his optimism, the official replied that he based his expectations largely on the "sound business sense of the British" which would lead them to move for peace as soon as they saw nothing was to be gained by continuing the war.

"We now hold in the west a strongly fortified line, including a great enclave of French and Belgian territory. We shall soon have a similar line fortified in the east. Behind these two lines we can sit tight and defy all efforts of our enemies to break through.

"I have much confidence in the business sense of the British, and think that when once they have found the Dardanelles cannot be forced they will lead them to take steps in the direction of peace."

GERMANY CAN'T MOVE FIRST.

It was suggested that business men usually are unwilling to make a contact wherein one of the parties is at a disadvantage with the other parties, and that this "business" would be facilitated if the opponents had some definite information as to the maximum terms on which Germany would be ready to discuss peace. The official replied that for Germany to make a statement at this time on the conditions of peace, possibly might be interpreted as a confession of weakness, and that for the present he preferred to await overtures from the other side.

The vigor with which the various political groups and big industrial, commercial and agricultural organizations discussed the tabooed topic of the "times of the war," indications that the government is giving serious consideration to the subject of peace. This discussion and the utterances of Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the German Imperial treasury; Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary and other responsible personages give color to the suspicion that something may be going on behind the curtain.

THE TERMS.

No statement whatever as to Germany's peace conditions can be obtained, or is it even certain that the government has reached any final conclusion. From observations and remarks dropped from time to time, in official circles, one would say that Germany's present terms include neither the absorption of Belgium nor other wholesale annexations demanded by the "blue sky" enthusiasts, who seem bound on adding to Germany territorially everywhere now occupied by German armies.

The cardinal point in the desire of official Germany, if these assumptions are correct, is at present a large indemnity. This is demanded not only to compensate Germany for the steadily growing war costs, but to provide a guarantee against future attack.

The second cardinal point is the restoration of Germany's colonial empire in undiminished form, with certain additions, presumably at the expense of Belgium. France is looked upon as the largest part of the expected indemnity. Russia will be asked to give up Poland.

VERY CONFIDENT

Any statement of German demands may seem a cool assumption of certain ultimate victory at a time when Germany's opponents are announcing

All in Readiness For To-night's Meeting

Civic Officials Have Started Ball Rolling by Donating \$500 to Red Cross Fund--Sir George Foster Arrived Early This Afternoon.

Everything is in readiness for to-night's big meeting in the Opera House.

It will be a joint event having for its double object the stirring up of recruiting and the securing of subscriptions towards the Red Cross fund. The figure aimed at in the latter regard is \$15,000. Toronto is after \$250,000 and in two days has nearly secured that sum. Hamilton is after \$35,000 and so on.

On the large stage at the Grand 300 chairs have been placed for the accommodation of the recruits now in training here for overseas service. They will form a striking background for the evening and others representing various interests.

St. George Foster left Chatham at 9 o'clock this morning arriving on the 1:45 p. m. train. He is a guest of Col. H. C. ... P. Graham will not arrive until 7:30 p. m. He is the guest of Mr. T. H. Preston.

Some of the boxes have been set apart for occupancy by returned soldiers from the front. Thirteen invitations have been issued in this regard. If any have been overlooked, they will kindly make themselves known at the opera house.

Soldiers will act as ushers and at the doors contributions will be handed to those attending. Ladies of the Brantford Red Cross Association will do the collecting and contributions can be made either in cash or by card.

The building will be handsomely decorated.

A GOOD START. A meeting of the City Officials War Relief Association was held this morning and it was unanimously decided to vote \$500 to the Red Cross fund.

via Admits Officially Army Seriously Menaced

Resistance of Serbian Troops Desperate and Heroic, But Strong Pressure of Austrians and Germans is Proving to be Too Much for Them.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

PARIS, Oct. 21.—An official statement issued yesterday at Nish, and forwarded by the Havas News Agency, says that the Serbian army is now menaced seriously. The Serbian war office says the railroad line to Saloniki has been cut in two places.

The communication follows: "The situation grows more and more serious. The resistance of the Serbian army is desperate and heroic, but the strong pressure of the Austrians and Germans from the north and of masses of Bulgarians from the east is menacing seriously the Serbian army, which is now cut off from Saloniki. The arrival of allied troops is awaited anxiously.

"The Serbians in the north hold the Rakhnatz, Alexanderovatz, Duhogolobov, and the Asagna-Kornai lines and the right bank of the Kolobaza. On the eastern front they hold the Saitochavi, Koiaztovatz, Pirov, Vlasina line, but the Bulgarians have taken the towns of Vranja and Velosko, cutting the line to Saloniki in two places."

This establishes the fact that the Serbians have captured the important railway town of Vranja, regarding which there has been some doubt.

WOMEN FIGHTING.

Rome, Oct. 20.—London Daily Telegraph despatch.—Information from German sources states that the campaign in Serbia is assuming a drudgery character. Private citizens, even women and children taking part in the

fighting. In the neighborhood of Mt. Branovo and Mt. Pasulitch the battles are desperately contested. Many women, boys and girls were shot by the Austro-Germans, while fighting side by side with the Serbian soldiers.

The Austro-Germans have not been able to take any Serbian prisoners and all Austro-German prisoners taken by the Serbians are wounded.

GERMAN LEADER ASKS AID.

The stubborn defence maintained by the Serbians is demanding the energies of Gen. Von Mackensen, who has again asked for reinforcements. Three new army corps have already arrived in Sofia from Germany, but they merely suffice to fill the gap.

The struggle for Vranja which was taken by the Bulgars, who later were driven out, was such that the Serbians defending it were killed almost to the last man.

TEN THOUSAND KILLED. Ten thousand Bulgarians were killed in the course of the attacks on Vranja.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES

Petrograd, via London, Oct. 21.—An important Russian success in the region of Baranovichi, resulting in the capture of artillery, was announced to-day by the war office.

Baranovichi is the central portion of the Russian line to the north of the Pripiet River.

The war office announcement follows: "In the district southeast of Baranovichi our troops, after a dashing surprise attack yesterday, captured German positions near the villages of Elkimovichi, Odokhorskina, Noviki and Nagotria. In the course of the day we took 85 German and Austrian officers and 3,552 men prisoners in addition to capturing 10 quick fiers and one gun."

Fine Tribute From Hamilton to Col. Brooks

The following from the Hamilton Herald deals with the new mounted infantry regiment, and its commander Colonel Brooks.

"Orders have been received here by the officers of the Second Dragoons to commence recruiting for the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, which it is intended to raise in this district. About 80 Dragoon recruits now quartered in the mountains will likely be transferred to the new corps, but its strength is to be 600, a large number of additional men will be required. Not all will be from Hamilton, however, as Welland, St. Catharines, and Brantford will also be asked to furnish recruits. It is altogether likely that the new corps will be mobilized in Hamilton and will spend the winter here. Lieut.-Col. Brooks, who is to have command, is expected in the city this afternoon, and with Major Walters and Major W. L. Ross of the Dragoons will inspect the Hamilton Jockey Club premises and ascertain what changes and improvements will be necessary in order to make the buildings suitable for the accommodation of the corps. Lieut.-Col. Brooks is one of the most ex-

perienced mounted officers in the country. He comes from Brantford, and has had fifteen years experience as an officer in the Second Dragoons having been major and adjutant latterly. In addition to being an efficient officer, he is a good organizer, and it is expected his regiment will be one of the most efficient to go from Canada to the front."

Dumba is Home.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Oct. 21.—The arrival at the Hague of Dr. T. C. Dumba, the recalled ambassador of Austria to the United States, is reported in a despatch from the correspondent there of Reuter's Telegram Company. Dr. Dumba was escorted by the Austrian minister, who met him at Rotterdam. Dr. Dumba declined to see reporters, but intimated that he might make a statement to-morrow.

Hoppe Leading.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Boston, Oct. 21.—Willie Hoppe, the champion, led Koji Yamada, the challenger, 500 points to 396 at the end of the first of three blocks in a match for the 141 balk-line billiard title last night. Hoppe had a high run of 123 and Yamada's best inning netted 118. The second and third blocks of the match will be played to-night and to-morrow nights respectively.

IMPORTANT MATTERS CONSIDERED

Municipal Railway Commissioners Discussed Request for Increase by Men.

Some important matters came up last night at a meeting of the Brantford Municipal Railway Commission. A contract was let to the Preston Car and Coach Company for a new snow sweeper. With the additional track mileage now in operation it was felt that the existing apparatus in the respect named was not sufficient to cope with possible demands.

A deputation of the men waited on the board to ask for an increase of pay. They constitute a very capable and efficient staff and their request was presented in a frank and friendly manner. They showed that remuneration was higher in practically all other places. They were promised careful consideration and an early decision.

GRAND VALLEY.

Accounts and figures in connection with the Grand Valley portion of the line were before the committee. It was decided, Commissioner Hartman dissenting, to ask the Dominion Railway commission to send an engineer to report on this end of the system. His findings and other matters pertaining thereto will be presented in a report as soon as possible.

REPORTED THAT NISH IS CUT OFF

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Athens, Oct. 21.—A despatch received by the Russian legation announces that the Bulgarian troops have not taken Vranja, as has been reported. They are said to have been held up by the formidable defences of Vlasina. However, they have succeeded in occupying the railroad north of the town. The great battle continues, it is stated, and remains indecisive. French troops, guarding the communications, are said to have left Givetti in the direction of Vranja.

The Serbian legation denies that the Bulgarians have occupied Zajecar. It is stated that the two forts which the Bulgarians claim to have taken are ancient works for temporary fortification, which were erected in 1913, and which the Serbians did not consider it worth while to defend the defences of Zajecar having been moved to the rear.

BULGARS REPULSED

Paris, Oct. 21.—The Athens' correspondents of the Havas Agency sends the following despatch under date of Wednesday. "A great battle is going on, on the heights of Valosona and Kotchana. The Bulgarians met her death a fire occurred in her home. The neighbors ran in and found the girl dead with wounds on her head. These injuries, it was explained at the Christophe home, were caused by the girl being struck by a part of the ceiling which was brought down by the fire. Sinister rumors, however, soon were current and a post-mortem examination was ordered. This revealed that the wounds were caused by a sharp instrument. The theory that burglars committed the deed was then put forward. The Christophe family offered a large reward for the capture of the guilty persons and engaged a famous private detective of Paris—all without result. Yesterday Examining Magistrate Guerin summoned the mother and brother to his office. After an examination lasting for several hours he ordered the arrest of both.

NISH CUT OFF

Paris, Oct. 21.—The diplomatic corps at Nish, Serbia, after preparing to quit that city, postponed their departure, communications having been cut with Saloniki, according to a special report. The message says that traffic between Saloniki and Monastir has been suspended as the result of floods and that the occupation of Vranja has stopped communication between Uskup and Nish. Telegraphic communication with Nish has been interrupted for four days, it is stated.

INTO MACEDONIA

Berlin, via London, Oct. 21.—Wireless reports from Sofia say that Bulgarian forces have entered Macedonian towns. Reports from Nish received at Raduevatz say that the diplomatic corps and part of the foreign office and national archives have been transferred to Monastir. The Serbian national bank and the government remain for the present at Nish.

Chicago in 12 months has recorded 256 deaths in automobile accidents.

Ode for Trafalgar Day

[By H. Newbolt, one of England's most famous modern poets]

ENGLAND! To-day let fire be in thine eyes And in thy heart the throb of leaping guns; Crown in thy streets the deed that never dies, And tell their fathers' fame to all thy sons! Behold! behold! on that unchanging sea Where day behind Trafalgar rises pale, How dread the storm to be Drifts up with ominous breath, Cloud after towering cloud of billow sail Full charged with thunder and the bolts of death.

Yet when the noon is past, and thy delight, More delicate than these good hundred years, Has drunk the splendor and the sound of fight And the sweet sting of long-since-vanished fears; Then, England, come thou down with sterner lips From the bright world of thy substantial power, Forget thy seas, thy ships, And that wide echoing dome, To watch the soul of man in his dark hour Redeeming yet his dear lost land of home.

What place is this? What underworld of pain All shadow-bathed with glare of swinging fires? What writhing phantoms of the newly slain? What cries? What thirst consuming all desires? This is the field of battle; not for life, Not for the deeper life that dwells in love, Not for the savor of strife Or the far call of fame, Not for all these the fight; all these above. The soul of this man cherished Duty's name.

His steadfast hope from self has turned away, For the Cause only must he still contend; How goes the day with us? How goes the day? He craves not victory but to make an end. Therefore not yet thine hour, O Death; but when The weapons forged against his country's peace Lie broken round him—then Give him the kiss supreme; Then let the tumult of his warfare cease, And the last dawn dispel his anguished dream.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL

First Incident Big Enough to Take Parisians' Eyes From Big Conflict.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Oct. 21.—As a result of police investigations into the mysterious death last August of Marie Christophe, a young girl belonging to one of the wealthiest families of Clermont Ferrand, Jean Christophe, her brother and Madame Marguerite, Christophe, the mother, were arrested last night. Because of the prominence of the family the latest development in the case has created a sensation and the newspapers for the first time since the war began are devoting columns to a story of this kind.

During the night on which Marie Christophe met her death a fire occurred in her home. The neighbors ran in and found the girl dead with wounds on her head. These injuries, it was explained at the Christophe home, were caused by the girl being struck by a part of the ceiling which was brought down by the fire. Sinister rumors, however, soon were current and a post-mortem examination was ordered. This revealed that the wounds were caused by a sharp instrument. The theory that burglars committed the deed was then put forward. The Christophe family offered a large reward for the capture of the guilty persons and engaged a famous private detective of Paris—all without result. Yesterday Examining Magistrate Guerin summoned the mother and brother to his office. After an examination lasting for several hours he ordered the arrest of both.

ULSTERMAN EXPLAINS RESIGNATION

Sir Edward Carson Could Not Agree With Cabinet on Balkan Policy.

London, Oct. 21.—Coming direct from Buckingham Palace, where he handed to King George the seals of his office on his resignation from the Cabinet Sir Edward Carson appeared in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon and set at rest all conjecture regarding the reasons for his retirement.

Rising from his old seat on the front Opposition bench, the former Attorney-General in a few words made the House conversant with the cause of the Ministerial crisis, which he said was due entirely to the fact that he found himself in complete variance with the Cabinet on questions of Near Eastern policy. He felt, therefore, that his presence in the House would be a source of weakness and not of strength. Sir Edward added he never had had the slightest personal difference with any of his colleagues.

UNITED FOR VICTORY

After expressing regret at the absence of Premier Asquith and stating that for this reason he would give a briefer explanation than he had intended, Sir Edward Carson said: "I am well aware of the difficulties, under the existing circumstances, of making any full statement or of saying anything that might be taken hold of as showing any signs of weakness or divergence in the main object we have in view—of carrying the war to its sacrifices to a final and conclusive issue. I need hardly say that upon that issue there is not and never has been either in the Cabinet or in this House or in the country any disagreement or divergence of opinion.

"The real unity which the country wants is that steadfast unity of purpose to defeat our enemies and to save our country, and I entirely deny that the fact of holding a divergent view as to the best policy and methods to adopt in the various war theatres in order to bring it to a successful conclusion is in any sense an element of disunion.

CRITICS ARE REBUKED

"I have seen criticisms of myself and reasons for my resignation of a very petty and malicious character, attributing the motives to a party and political nature.

SITUATION IN BALKANS NEEDS CLOSE ATTENTION

Serbian Supply Railway Has Been Cut and Bulgars Attacking.

CYPRUS OFFER NOTABLE ONE

Britain Offers Greece Something She Has to Give, Not Vague Promises.

BULGARIA BLOCKADE QUITE JUSTIFIED

Russian Minister Says Allies Should Discuss Commercial Treaties Among Selves.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Oct. 21.—The reported proposals of the British Government to purchase the co-operation of Greece in the war by ceding to her the Island of Cyprus, is regarded by the London press as authentic, but is by no means universally approved. The Evening Standard says: "We object to bribes, especially useless bribes and unquestionably the offer of Cyprus is a bribe. The only thing which distinguishes it from the German bribes is that Germany offers other people's territory, and we our own."

"If the Greek Government coolly refuses to carry out its bargain with Serbia how can we be sure it will carry out another? What new engagements can bind statesmen who have just dishonored their written undertaking? Is perfidy of this kind to be rewarded by gifts of British territory?"

NO CLEAR PURPOSE

London, Oct. 21.—The Daily Mail in discussing the resignation of Sir Edward Carson as attorney-general, says: "The situation in the Balkans complicated by the mismanagement of the Dardanelles expedition, and by the failure of our foreign office, is the cause of his resignation. The hasty reader of his statement might conclude that he opposed any expedition to Saloniki for Serbia's aid, but unless common report is greatly at fault this does not represent his true position. He resigned because, in his judgment, the cabinet had neither clear ideas, nor a strong purpose, and because he declines to countenance a policy of drifting."

"The situation in the Balkans requires the closest attention of the allies. The vital railway by which the Serbian army has been supplied has been cut off 150 miles north of Saloniki and the Bulgarians are attacking the Serbians from the flank and rear. If the Serbians are crushed or forced aside, Germany's road to Constantinople will be open and success may attract fresh allies to her side. Germany will be able to undo many of the effects of our naval blockade, obtaining supplies of cotton, rubber, oil and copper, and re-arming and furnishing munitions for the Turks. The boldest measures are required to meet the situation."

CONCERNING CYPRUS OFFER.

London, Oct. 21.—The Daily Chronicle says it understands that Great Britain has communicated to her allies her offer of the Island of Cyprus to Greece, and that the offer is now under consideration by the Greek government. The paper in an editorial says: "The mass of the Greek nation is not behind M. Zaimis (the Greek premier) but behind M. Venizelos (the former premier), and in order that its will may prevail over German influence in high places at Athens the allies must give tangible evidence of two things: "That good-will toward Hellenism and their power. As a proof of good-will they have offered Cyprus.

"The offer is a notable one, not only because of its magnitude, but because we are offering something already in our hands to give, and if the Greek nation allows the Zaimis government to reject it, the world will have to revise its views of the seriousness of Hellenic aspirations."

TIME TO TAKE ACTION.

London, Oct. 20.—The Petrograd correspondent of The Times quotes Sergius Sabonoff, Russian minister of foreign affairs, saying in a statement that he believes Greece will find it difficult to confine her present ambiguous position. The foreign minister says the correspondent, considers that

Unionists Win in South Africa

By Special Wire to the Courier.

New York, Oct. 21.—A news agency despatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, says: "Unionists will control the next parliament of the Union of South Africa, according to late returns from Wednesday's general election. Up to midnight the returns showed the election of the following: Unionists, 31. Botha partymen, 11. Laborites, 3. Dutch Nationalists, 1. Independents, 4."

Cleveland seeks its selection as a site for an armor plate plant for the Government.