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ENERGETIC CAMPAIGN TO HELP SERBIA EXPECTED TO FOLLOW KITCHENER'S TRIP TO BALKAN THEATRE

INITIAL OBJECTIVE WON INVADERS FIND MUCH STIFF FIGHTING AHEAD IN SERBIA

GERMAN ADVANCE POSITIONS TAKEN

Paris, Nov. 7.—German advance positions before Andreech were captured and an attack against French positions east of the Butte Le Mesnil was easily repulsed, says the statement issued this afternoon at the French war office.

London, Nov. 7.—The political crisis in Greece, which has clouded the Balkans, has been finally overcome, M. Skouloudis having accepted and performed the task of organizing a cabinet which, being composed of all the members of the Zaimis government with the exception of the ex-premier himself, will carry on the former government's policy of maintaining neutrality.

The new cabinet is at the mercy of the Venizelos majority in the chamber, but the impression is that no attempt will be made to turn it out, thus avoiding dissolution of parliament and a consequent election, the result of which could not be predicted while the army remains mobilized.

While the allies now can have little hope of Greece aiding them in the defence of Serbia, the belief is still held here that it is not too late to turn the tables on the invaders. The departure for the east of Lord Kitchener, after conferences in Paris with Premier Briand, General Gallieni, the war minister and General Joffre, the commander-in-chief of the field forces, have given confidence that the campaign is to be carried on energetically by the men who know the east better than almost anyone else.

Advices from Saloniki and other points today show that much larger forces than were thought to be near the scene are being landed at Saloniki, and are proceeding to points where it is believed they can do the most good. Troop trains are continually

leaving Saloniki, but so much secrecy is being maintained that it is impossible to compute the number of men. One report says that an Anglo-Italian army has landed at Valona (Avlona) on the Adriatic, with the purpose of crossing Albania. The Russians are still concentrating in Bessarabia, to be prepared to make a descent on Bulgaria from the east.

Serbia's Far From Being Beaten. Meantime, in northern and eastern Serbia, and on the Montenegrin frontier, big battles are in progress. The Austro-Germans claim to be advancing all along the line and to have reached the Morava river, which has been crossed at some points. In their advance they are picking up prisoners, guns and war material.

The Montenegrins, like their Serbian allies, are fighting stubbornly in defence of their country, and report that they have repulsed an attempt by the Austrians to cross their border from Herzegovina, and captured four guns, a quantity of supplies and a few men. They also claim successes over the Austrians in the Sanjak (Novipazar) where they captured four more field guns and several hundred men.

In the south the French are reported to have taken several villages. It would appear, therefore, that the Central Powers, who have obtained their initial objective, the opening of the road to Sofia, and Constantinople, have a lot of fighting ahead of them, if Serbia is to be overwhelmed.

KITCHENER TO UNRAVEL TANGLE IN THE BALKANS

War Secretary has not resigned, but will Reorganize Military Personnel in near East and Organize Central Body to Control Operations there.

London, Nov. 6.—It was officially announced this evening that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener had gone to the Eastern theatre of war.

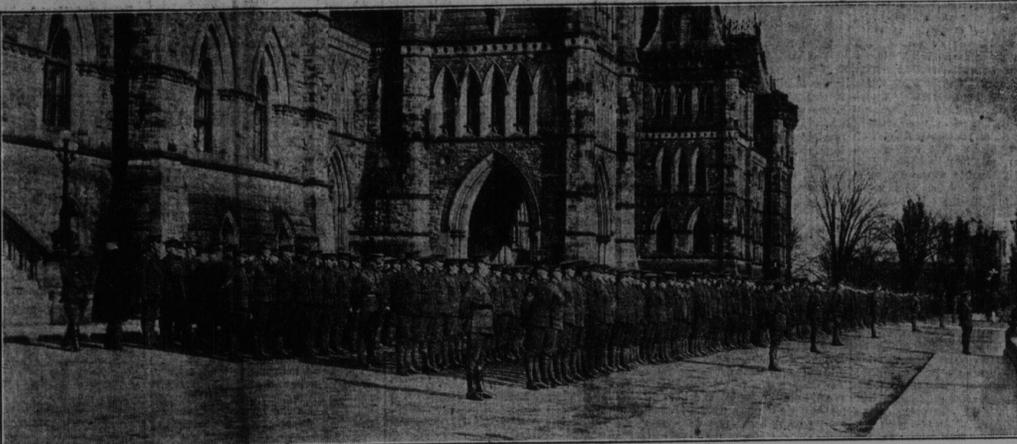
The official statement reads: "Earl Kitchener, at the request of his colleagues, has left England for a short visit to the eastern theatre of war."

The following was issued officially tonight: "The statement that Earl Kitchener has resigned his post as secretary of state for war has already been authoritatively denied. It is equally untrue to suggest that Earl Kitchener has tendered his resignation, or that his visit to the king had any relation to any such subjects, or that his visit to the eastern theatre of war in any way betokens that such resignation is contemplated."

"On the contrary, this visit is undertaken by him in discharge of his duties as secretary of state for war, which duty he has no intention of abandoning."

It is generally assumed Earl Kitchener has gone to the east with the immediate object of re-arranging the

LOYALIST CITY EXTENDS ROYAL WELCOME TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF 52ND BATTALION



REVIEW OF THE 52ND AT OTTAWA ON WAY TO ST. JOHN.

Despite the stormy weather a very large crowd of citizens was at the I. C. R. depot yesterday morning and gave the 52nd Battalion which arrived from Port Arthur, a hearty welcome to the Loyalist City. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Hay, of Quebec, is the officer commanding, and the two special trains brought 1071 officers and men, and a finer looking body of soldiers could not be picked anywhere. While the rain and snow made matters very disagreeable it did not appear to bother the soldier boys from the West very much. As the trains pulled into the depot every car window was occupied by a couple of soldiers who appeared as happy as a lot of youngsters on their way to a picnic.

As the 10th Battalion band played "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," the visiting soldiers sang the soldier's marching song with vigor. The two special trains arrived in the Island Yard at 5.55 o'clock yesterday morning and were sidetracked until nine o'clock when the first section hauled into a siding near Pond street, while the second arrived in

the I. C. R. train shed. Not a soldier left the cars until a bugle sounded the call to assemble and in an instant the happy bunch of westerners jumped from the cars and ran to their positions in the lines. There was not a hitch and every man appeared to know where his proper place was.

Civic Officials. His Worship Mayor Prink with Commissioners Wilmore, McLellan, Russell and Potts were on hand to welcome the 52nd to St. John, while Col. Perley of the 62nd, Lieut.-Col. E. T. Sturdee, Captain L. P. D. Tilley and a delegation from the recruiting committee were also on hand. Chief George Blake of the St. John Fire Department with a large number of firemen were also present.

In remarkably quick time after the men left the cars they were standing at attention in the train shed and were addressed by His Worship the Mayor. To Col. Hay, the officers and men of the 52nd, the Mayor extended a hearty welcome to St. John. His Worship said that when he received a telegram from the Hon. Mr. Hazen

minister of marine and fisheries, to the effect that the 52nd Battalion from Port Arthur was coming to St. John this news was received by the citizens of St. John with the utmost pleasure, and the speaker said that the welcome to the soldiers from the West had only commenced. They would find that they would be as welcome in St. John as in any place in the Dominion of Canada. Everything that can be done will be accomplished to make the stay of the battalion one of great pleasure. The ladies of St. John have helped greatly and have obtained suitable quarters where officers and men can enjoy themselves during their spare hours after drill. At the close of his address His Worship called for three cheers and a tiger for Col. Hay and the members of the battalion.

The stern voice of Col Hay was then heard as follows:—"Men of the 52nd, take off your hats: give three cheers for Mayor Prink and the people of St. John." The thousand men cheered loudly and followed it with a good long tiger.

Order of Parade. Lieut.-Col. Perley, Col. Sturdee and Captain Tilley, had charge of the ar-

rangements for the procession, and it started from the train shed in the following order:

Mounted Police
Fire Department
Recruiting Committee
52nd Regimental Band.
City Cornet Band.
Col. Hay and first half of Battalion.
10th Regimental Band.
Temple Band.
Second half Battalion.
Mayor and Commissioners.

As soon as the Battalion was given the command "Quick March," the band of the 52nd started a lively march, and in an instant the citizens of St. John were given a chance to hear one fine band of musicians.

The route of procession was up Mill to Dock, thence to Market Square to King, down Charlotte street to Broad, thence to Carmarthen street and into the armory.

All along the line of march the soldiers were loudly cheered, and one of the officers made the right remark when he said, "The people of St. John seem right pleased to see us here." An efficient committee of ladies had

been at work Saturday and yesterday morning making everything ready for the soldier boys, and the eyes of the latter beamed with joy, for when they marched into the armory they saw a long table reaching from one end of the building to the other, heavily laden with sandwiches, biscuits, cake and other eatables. While on the northern side of the armory members of the recruiting committee with George Wananmaker were ready to serve out mugs of good hot coffee.

Marching in single file each soldier took his turn, and as the long procession of over a thousand men filed along each picked up a mug, filled it with hot coffee, and then proceeded to help himself to something good to eat. It was 12.30 o'clock before every man had partaken of refreshments. They proved a very happy lot and expressed themselves as most thankful for the thoughtfulness of St. John citizens in looking after their comfort, and the officers wished through the columns of The Standard to thank the ladies and gentlemen for their kindness to the members of the battalion in preparing such a hearty welcome. (Continued on page 9)

ZAIMIS CABINET AGAIN AT THE HELM IN GREECE

Only Two New Men in Ministry Formed by M. Skouloudis.

BELIEVED CRISIS IS OVER FOR THE PRESENT

New Premier an Able Diplomat and Reported Favorably Disposed Towards the Entente Powers.

Athens, Nov. 6, via Paris, Nov. 7.—M. Skouloudis, commissioned by King Constantine to form a new cabinet, has accomplished the task. All the members of the Zaimis party are retained except the premier himself. The new Prime Minister has taken the portfolio of Foreign Affairs. The formation of the new cabinet, it is generally assumed will delay if not eliminate the crisis which probably would follow a dissolution of the chamber of deputies by the King.

The cabinet is composed of the following ministers who took the oath of office today:

Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs—M. Skouloudis.
Minister of Public Instructions—M. Michalidis.
Minister of Justice and Communications—D. Roballis.

Minister of Interior—M. Gounaris.
Minister of National Economy—M. Theotokis.
Minister of War—Gen. Yanakitsas.
Minister of Marine—Admiral Kountouriotis.
Minister of Finance—Stephen Dragoumis.

New Premier Reported Favorable to Allies.

Besides the premier, M. Michalidis is the only new member of the cabinet. The office he takes formerly was held by M. Theotokis, who becomes Minister of National Economy, a new post.

The press urges the advisability of going without a dissolution of parliament and new general elections.

M. Skouloudis is not a deputy but is regarded as an able diplomat, known chiefly for the part he played in the London peace conference in 1913, after the Balkan war. He was Minister for Foreign Affairs in the Rallis cabinet in 1897. He is reputed to be favorably disposed toward the Quadruple Entente.

Gen. Yanakitsas, who remains in the Greek cabinet as Minister of War, is credited with having been responsible for the crisis which resulted in the overthrow of M. Zaimis. M. Venizelos who controls a majority of parliament took exception to a statement by the war minister, and when an apology was not forthcoming, brought about the vote which showed a lack of confidence in the government.

London, Nov. 7.—The new Greek cabinet will be presented to the chamber, and parliament will be dissolved, if it fails to sustain the government, says a Reuter despatch from Athens.

Prorogation in Ten Days Probable. Athens, Nov. 7, via London, Nov. 8

SGT. RYER, OF THE 26th WINS DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

Sergt. W. C. Ryer of the 26th has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for bringing in a wounded soldier, under a heavy fire. Sergt. Ryer was among the first to enlist with the now famous 26th. He is 28 years of age, a native of Middle Clyde, N. S., where his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ryer, still lives. Sergt. Ryer since leaving here was promoted to sergeant, having been a lance corporal when here.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Major Gen. Sir Sam Hughes tonight received the following despatch from the Canadian general representative in France:

Canadian General Headquarters in France, Nov. 7.—The period from October 30 to Nov. 5, has been marked by the fall of heavy rains. Creeks and streams have swollen into small rivers and low lying grass has been converted into swamp. The wet weather and conditions generally have resulted in a week almost devoid of unusual incidents.

At times the enemy artillery has shelled certain sections of our area more or less vigorously but in most instances prompt retaliation by our artillery has silenced the hostile fire. On October 29 a shell from our artillery exploded a bomb depot in the German front trench.

It is believed in political circles that the chamber probably will be prorogued in ten days as it then will have sat for the legal term of three months. M. Venizelos and his followers are expected to approve this solution of the problem which will make it possible to avoid dissolution and elections the result of which would be uncertain, owing to the pressure which would be exerted by the government and the pro-German propagandists.

Benevolent Neutrality, New Premier's Policy.

London, Nov. 8.—M. Skouloudis, the new Greek premier, has declared his intention of observing an attitude of very benevolent neutrality toward the Entente Powers.

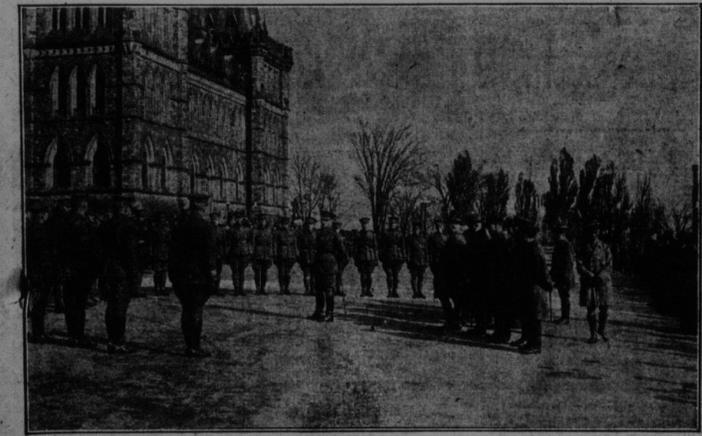
All reports indicate that the enemy working parties have been particularly busy, repairing damage to their trenches caused by the heavy rains, and are bailing out the water.

On several occasions hostile working parties have been dispersed by our fire. A few enemy patrols have ventured out at night to repair the German wire entanglements but in the majority of instances our patrols succeeded in locating them and driving them back to their trenches.

On November 4th an enemy aeroplane was brought down between the opposing front line trenches, pursued and attacked by three British airmen, while flying over our area, and heavily shelled by our anti-aircraft guns, the German machine suddenly capsizing and, turning over three times in the air, crashed to the ground.

Lieut. A. W. North, of the 25th West. ern Canada Battalion, has been awarded the military cross for gallantry on the occasion of the explosion of a German mine on October 8 and Private E. Crompton, of the 25th Battalion, has been awarded the distinguished conduct medal for bringing in a wounded man under heavy fire on October 13th.

Sergeant C. H. der, of the 26th New Brunswick Battalion, has been awarded the distinguished conduct medal for bringing in a wounded man under heavy fire on October 13th. Lieut. J. G. Anderson of the 5th Western Canada Battalion, has been awarded the military cross for useful and daring reconnaissances.



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