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'RUSSIA TO SEND MILLIONS MORE MEN TO FIRING LINE; NO DEFINITE NEWS YET FROM GREEK GOV'T

RUSSIA WHIPPING NEW ARMIES INTO SHAPE TO SEND TO FIRING LINE

Enormous Number of Recruits Drilling and Nearly Ready to Take Their Places—Nation Urged to Speed Up Supply of Munitions for New Armies—German Line in East Rapidly Weakening by Withdrawal of Troops to Other Fronts.

London, Nov. 20, 2:17 a. m.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Morning Post sends the following: "Russia intends to place millions of additional troops in the field, according to a notification by Premier Goremykin to the Russian press, says a private despatch from Petrograd. The premier intimated the necessity of redoubled exertions by the nation to provide the needful equipment and munitions."

Whipping New Armies Into Shape.

Petrograd, Nov. 19, via London.—Russian military observers are finding frequent indications that the German lines on this front are growing increasingly thin. These are furnished by reports from the fighting lines, notably from the sector northeast of Riga. As an instance, it is stated that in capturing the passage between two marshes, the Russians found the sole defenders of the positions to be two Germans, with machine guns. Drilling of the recruits with which the Russians expect to strengthen their own lines on various fronts is proceeding rapidly on all sides. Drill masters report that excellent progress is being made in the drill work, because of the willing spirit of the new men, and the admirable relations declared to exist between them and their officers.

Petrograd, Nov. 19, via London, 10:58 p. m.—The following official statement was issued by the Russian war office tonight:

"On the western (Russian) front, northwest of Friedrichstadt, German attempts to cross to our side of the Dvina river failed. The enemy everywhere was compelled to retire by our fire."

"On the left of the Sty river, near the station of Czartorysk, the enemy attempted unsuccessfully to reach the river. Near the village of Czartorysk, our troops retired to the right bank of the Sty, well covered by our fire, which prevented the enemy from making an attack."

"Further up on the Sty, near the village of Novo Selki, the enemy several times opened fire on the bank of the river held by us."

"On the Caucasian front the situation unchanged."

NOVA SCOTIA VESSEL DRIVEN ASHORE IN GALE

The H. S. M. Wrecked on Rocks at Galloway's Point—Crew Safe After Hard Struggle.

Nahant, Mass., Nov. 19.—The two-masted British schooner H. S. M. was driven ashore by a heavy northeast gale on the jagged rocks of Galloway's Point tonight.

The six members of the crew reached shore after a hard struggle, some of them swimming fifty feet through the breakers. The schooner, loaded with lumber, from Liverpool, N. S., for Boston, will probably be a total loss.

She was owned by Henry B. Mallott of Port Gilbert, N. S., and was commanded by Captain Leander Pothier. Julius Saulnier, a farm hand, was injured by a blow from the end of the boom, as he was assisting a companion, but will recover.

AUSTRIA TO STRIKE AT ROUMANIA?

Reported Troops Landed on Rourmanian Soil and Danube River Being Mined.

Bucharest, Nov. 19, via Copenhagen and London, Nov. 20.—The newspaper Epoca asserts that Austrian and German troops have landed on the Rourmanian island of Hurawal, in the Danube river, and that they are placing mines in the river and watching the movements of the Rourmanian troops. The Epoca asks why the Rourmanian government takes no action in the matter.

12 Killed in Air Raid on Udine, Italy, Rome, Nov. 19, via Paris, Nov. 20.—Austrian aviators threw 15 bombs on Udine, Italy, on Friday, killing 12 persons and wounding 27, according to an official announcement made by the Italian War Office. Another squadron of aeroplanes dropped bombs on Verona and Vicenza in the Italian province of Venetia and on Grado.

Bulgarian Officers with German Army in East. Petrograd, Nov. 19, via London, Nov. 22.—Many Bulgarian officers are now attached to the German staff on the Russian front, according to the Bourne Gazette. These officers have been sent from Bulgaria to study German methods of warfare.

"T.R." TO VISIT QUEEN CITY

With View to Aiding Allied Cause—May Join American Battalion.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—The American Battalion (97th) expects Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, to visit Toronto December 11, with a view to aiding the cause of the Allies. Mr. A. R. Minard, president of the American Club, stated today that as to the report that Col. Roosevelt would offer his services to the Canadian militia for active service in the cause of the Allies he was unable to speak.

ST. GEORGE HAS A SERIOUS FIRE

Two Story Building Used as Store and Offices by Milne Court's & Co., Wiped Out and Part of Shed Used as Stone Cutting Works Burned—Loss About \$5,000—Good Work by Volunteer Brigade.

Special to The Standard.

St. George, Nov. 19.—Fire tonight destroyed the two storey wooden building occupied by Milne Court's & Company as a general store and offices and also damaged the portion of their sheds devoted to stone cutting. The polishing shed was saved largely through the heroic efforts of the volunteer fire department which resorted to the old-fashioned "bucket brigade" methods and drenched the sheds with water.

The building is a large one with a double ell. The stores and offices fronted on the street while Mr. E. Meating's tailoring shop was also located there. One ell was occupied by the granite cutting shed while the polishing shed was in the other, the ells being separated by a yard.

Had Good Start.

The stores and offices were closed as usual tonight at six o'clock and at that time there was no sign of fire. About 9:30 a citizen passing the building noticed a ruddy glare as of fire in the office portion. The alarm was sounded and investigation showed the interior of the offices to be a mass of flames. The fire had also eaten its way well into the store and it required strenuous work to prevent it from spreading. As it was the main building was destroyed and the cutting shed partly burned. The loss includes the stock and fixtures in the store and the office furnishings, valuable patterns and designs and monumental work.

various properties of the firm were protected by insurance to the extent of \$10,000. It is not known how the fire caught but from the headway it had gained when discovered the opinion prevails that it had been burning for some hours.

The property of Eppe Dodd & Co., adjoining was not damaged although at one time it appeared as if that entire portion of the town would go. The work of the "bucket brigade" however was successful in controlling the fire.

Mr. J. T. Whitlock of St. Stephen, a partner in the Milne Courts concern, when communicated with last night said he had not received full particulars of the fire and could not give an accurate estimate of the loss. He thought it would not exceed \$5,000.

INCLUDE ALL BELLIGERENTS IN PROTEST

American Note Regarding Contraband Will be Sent to Germany and Austria as Well as to Allies.

Washington, Nov. 19.—America's protest against the placing of nearly all articles of commerce on the contraband list of European belligerents will go to Germany and Austria, as well as to Great Britain and her allies. When this note to Great Britain is forwarded to London, virtually identical notes will be dispatched to the Teutonic Allies and to France and Italy.

So far as Germany and Austria are concerned, officials regard the forthcoming protest as more or less academic, in view of the fact that their commerce raiders and cruisers are no longer on the high seas, and their seizures of contraband are limited to the work of submarines. In retaliation for the issuance of the British blockade orders-in-council, however, Germany has promulgated a list of contraband that includes practically all American products, consequently the State Department has decided that formal protest is necessary to record the assertion of its rights by the United States.

The note is apparently completed, but its despatch will be delayed until it has been gone over carefully by Secretary of State Lansing and President Wilson, and probably by the Neutrality Board.

Recall Anti-War Practices. Generally, it will be framed to recall to the belligerent powers the practices of nations in the treatment of contraband, prior to the present war, and even before the London conference, which eventually in the Declaration of London. The right of a belligerent to extend the list of absolute contraband beyond the limits recognized by international law before the outbreak of war will be challenged, and particular objection will be made to wholesale additions to the contraband list animated by the spirit of retaliation, as in the case of nearly all of the present belligerents.

That declaration of contraband should be limited to articles not merely available for military use, but designed chiefly for that purpose, will be one of the principal contentions. Particular objection will be made, it is understood, to the seizure of American goods, even though contraband, if they are destined for consumption in a neutral country, and are not bound for a belligerent port.

Ancient History.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The German embassy delivered to the State Department today, "for its information" a compilation of reports of Belgian diplomatic agents in various capitals of Europe to their government, which were seized when German troops entered Brussels.

It is alleged by the German government that these reports show to what extent the Belgian representatives were interested in European politics in general, and in German politics in particular. It is also claimed that they indicate Belgium's alignment with the Entente Powers.

A portion of the compilation recently published in the semi-official North German Gazette and excerpts were telegraphed to this country by wireless.

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SERBS MAY MAKE STAND ON HISTORIC PLAIN OF KOSSOVO

Five Hundred Years Ago Lost Independence to Turkey on That Spot.

NEWS FROM BALKAN

THEATRE IS VAGUE.

Nothing Definite as to Attitude of Athens Government, but London and Paris More Hopeful.

Bulletin—London, Nov. 19.—A despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph Company says a telegram to the Tribuna from Athens states that the Bulgarians have occupied Monastir, and that the Serbians are in full retreat.

The position of the Serbian army and the attitude of Greece toward the Entente Powers are still the outstanding questions of interest in Europe. Reliable information on both situations is so meagre that the public is unable to judge what changes, if any, have taken place.

It is thought possible that the Serbians will make a stand on the historic plain of Kossovo, east of the Mitrovizza-Pristina line of the Serbians, while the Bulgarians in the south are said already to have passed Monastir.

TWENTY-ONE MORE MEN FOR COL. FOWLER'S BATTALION SIGN ROLL AT FREDERICTON

Fine Response at Big Recruiting Rally at Capital—Col. Fowler Given Splendid Welcome.

Special to The Standard.

Fredricton, Nov. 19.—Twenty-one recruits for the 104th Battalion responded to the call for volunteers as sounded by Lt. Col. George W. Fowler, officer commanding the 104th Battalion. Major Percy A. Guthrie, wounded former officer commanding 10th Battalion of First Canadian Division, and Capt. Rev. Fr. Lockary, chaplain of the 36th Overseas Battery of Canadian Field Artillery, at the most successful patriotic demonstration and recruiting meeting held in Fredericton since the outbreak of war.

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PUT CHINA ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH JAPAN?

Bringing of China Within Allied Ring Probable, Report Says.

PEKING FAVORABLE TO THE PROPOSAL.

Political Advantage to Entente Allies, but no Military Participation Would be Expected from China.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Efforts are being made by Great Britain, France and Russia to include China in the membership of the Entente now aligned against the Germanic powers. Disclosure of this fact directed the attention of official Washington today to a complicated situation in the Far East, the seriousness of which had not hitherto been realized.

It became known that in order to insure friendly relations between Japan and China, conversations and changes had been proceeding in Peking and the European capitals looking to the formal entrance of China on an equal footing with Japan into the alliance that now includes Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and Serbia.

Military participation by China in the war would not be expected, but the political necessity of adding China to the allies is looked upon by them as of vast importance. It was learned today that recently several Japanese warships were placed at strategic points along the Chinese coast, and that the possibility of internal revolution in China through the proposed change from republic to parliamentary monarchy had caused some Japanese officials to believe that munitions of war should be hoarded for emergencies. When the recent Japanese-Chinese negotiations were in progress, Japan similarly felt compelled to hold her ammunition supply for developments, a circumstance that is thought to have embarrassed Russia considerably.

So far as it is known here most of the conversations have been conducted at Peking, and it is not clear how far the proposal has been discussed with the Japanese government at Tokio. The belief is general, however, that Great Britain, on account of the obligations of her allies with Japan, probably has consulted the Tokio government freely.

Peking Favors Idea

China's attitude has not yet developed, but in some quarters here the view is held that the Peking government is favorably inclined to the Entente proposal, since the move would guarantee the integrity of China during the present disturbed condition of world politics, and safeguard her political interests at the peace conference. In fact, some rumormongers have reached officials recently that the plan actually originated with the Chinese, who saw in it a means of checkmating possible Japanese aggression.

Just what advantages would be to Japan in acquiescing in the proposal are not clear, but it is suggested in well informed circles that by placing on a solid foundation the relations between China and Japan, Japanese commercial interests in China might be immune from the possible disturbances which recurrent political friction might bring about. The feeling in China against Japan has been growing on account of the recent negotiations and the possibility that a more friendly spirit might be developed between the two oriental countries also is said to be a factor in behalf of Japanese approval of the plan. Secretary Lansing declined to comment on the situation, declaring that whatever had been received by the American government on the subject was confidential and could not be disclosed.

As to the position of Greece there have been no developments, although a more hopeful feeling prevails in Paris and London since Denys Cochlin's visit to King Constantine and the Greek ministers.

There have been lively artillery engagements in Alsace and at some other points on the west. In the east the Germans report no change in the situation, while Petrograd claims repulses of the Germans on the Dvina and Sty rivers.

The Italians still are hammering away at the Austrian positions on the Front, but, while they are gaining a little from day to day, they have not yet succeeded in the capture of Gorizia, which again has been under heavy shell fire for several days.

Demonstration in Favor of Venizelos Berlin Says.

Berlin, Nov. 19, via wireless to Tuckerton—"According to advices from Constantinople to the Frankfurter Zeitung," says the Overseas News Agency, "serious measures are being considered in Athens in connection with the existing situation. It is declared that the British and French are behaving at Saloniki as if that port were their property, and that instructions have been made regarding the overthrow of the dynasty. It is noted that a corps of gendarmes stationed in New Greece, a body formed principally of Cretans, has been openly agitating in favor of former Premier Venizelos."

"It is pointed out that a state of siege can be proclaimed in all Greece without the action of parliament, if a sufficient emergency arises."

French Making Supreme Effort to Win Veles.

Athens, Nov. 19, via London, Nov. 20.—The newspaper Hestia says it believes that there are 45,000 Bulgarians in Prilep, and the surrounding district, where they are only small Serbian forces. The paper says that the French, having repulsed Bulgarian attacks for three days, are redoubling their efforts to occupy Veles.

ed through one of the big battles such as are being fought on the western front. His description of fighting was wonderfully dramatic and thrilling, but at the same time showed the sad and serious side of the fighting. He concluded by appealing to men of military age to respond to the call which was coming from the men in the trenches to help them sustain the British Empire.

Captain Rev. Fr. Lockary discussed the war situation from the British standpoint and showed that men are needed. He called upon all men of military age to show their love of country and true patriotism by enlisting and going out to fight. It was his first appearance before a Fredericton audience and his solid arguments showed the result of careful thought.

Lt. Col. Fowler.

Lt. Col. Fowler, in opening, expressed his pleasure at being in the city from which the old 104th regiment started upon its famous march to Quebec, and then explained that the 104th would be affiliated with the 10th Battalion. Referring to the 104th he said that C Company which was coming here from Sussex tomorrow, was second to none in the battalion. Then he passed along to the need for men, which, he said, was all the more urgent with the probability of Greece joining the Germanic allies. He paid a glowing tribute to Major Guthrie and concluded his remarks with an appeal for volunteers.

Col. Fowler was met upon his arrival from Sussex by Mayor Mitchell, Earl Ashburnham and Major Guthrie with an automobile and escorted by the Fredericton brass band and 36th Overseas Battery commanded by Major Crow, with bugle and drum band, to the city Opera House. Captain Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Lt. Davies, Adjutant and Lts. Price and Hanson of the 104th Regiment accompanied Col. Fowler.