

Situation In Serbia Serious

Last Night's Cables — Britain Takes Action re Greek Vessels

London, Nov. 17.—Both the military and diplomatic situation of the Allies in the Balkans are disquieting. It is not critical, a fact which, doubtless, led to the visit of the British prime minister, Mr. Asquith, David Lloyd George and A. J. Balfour to Paris for a conference with the French cabinet and General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief.

The main Serbian army, under General Putnik, which is operating in the north, is now encamped on every side but one, and being cut off from the south by the Bulgarian advance beyond Tetovo, must depend upon the rough roads through Montenegro and Albania for any supplies from the sea.

In the south the Serbian position is almost as bad. The success of the Bulgarian flanking attack on Babuna Pass and their advance from Velje have prevented the hoped-for junction of the Serbian and French forces. This leaves the Serbians only two lines of retreat, one into Albania, where they may be harassed by unfriendly tribes, and the other across the Greek border, where they are in danger of being disarmed and interned. It is to prevent the latter eventuality that the Entente Powers are putting forth every effort, and unquestionably this matter has been discussed in Paris by the British and French ministers.

The British government has taken further action by the issuance of an order that no Greek vessel, except those loaded or loading, may proceed to their destinations. While Dmya Coghlin, member of the French cabinet, who was given an enthusiastic reception at Athens by the municipal authorities and the people, is expected to express very firmly the French view of what is considered the un-

Hospital Ship Sunk in Channel

satisfactory reply of Greece to the Entente Powers for the safe conduct of both Serbian and Allied forces, should they become compelled to retire into Greece.

Like Italy and France, England now demands that Greece shall either join the Allies or translate her benevolent neutrality towards the Entente into a clear declaration that she will attempt to disarm neither the Serbian nor the Allies, should they be forced back over her frontier, and that she will afford further facilities for the landing and transportation of Allied troops.

There are no changes on the French, Italian or Russian fronts, but the presence of Russian warships on the coast of Roumania, where they have been bombarding the German positions, suggests that General Ruzsky has not concluded the offensive which he undertook west of Riga.

Paris, Nov. 17.—A Havre despatch from Marseilles says the government has ordered the port authorities to accept no further shipments of merchandise destined for Greece.

Dover, Nov. 17.—The hospital ship Anglia, with about three hundred wounded men aboard, in addition to the crew, nurses and attendants, bound from France for Dover, struck a mine in mid-channel today and sank in a very short time. Nearly one hundred men, most of them seriously wounded, and therefore in their cot, lost their lives.

The collier Lusitania, which was nearby at the time of the accident, immediately went to the assistance of the Anglia, and her boats had been just lowered when she also struck a mine and foundered. All her crew were saved.

A patrol vessel succeeded in rescuing three hundred of the Anglia's passengers and crew, including some nurses. A number of bodies were recovered.

"The war office reports that the hospital ship Anglia struck a mine in the channel today, and sank. The total number on board was thirteen officers and 872 men of other ranks, of whom about 800 were saved by a patrol vessel. "King George was shocked to hear that the Anglia, which was carrying him across the channel, had been sunk. His anxiety is relieved at the loss incurred, but trusts that the consequences will not unduly suffer from their terrible experience."

London, Nov. 18.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen, dated Wednesday, gives a report that a flotilla of 26 German torpedo boats, and a big cruiser passed Heligoland, on the southwest coast of Sweden, at 6 o'clock in the morning, proceeding at high speed northward.

FRANCE MOBILIZES INVENTORS

Paris, Nov. 18.—The work of the new Ministry of Invention is described by Prof. Paul Painlevé, head of the department. This minister explained that hitherto many well equipped laboratories and scientists identified with them had played no part in preparation for national defence. It is his purpose to mobilize them.

The first and greatest difficulty with which the department has to contend, Prof. Painlevé explained, is the enormous number of useless inventions. These must be tested and the work must be done rapidly. Those picked out as having possibilities are referred to special sections, such as electricity or aviation, under the direction of two or three young and active experts, who investigate them thoroughly. Such inventions as are deemed practicable are then turned over to specialists, who assist the inventors to perfect them.

At the same time the question of manufacturing the new appliances is considered. Finally, their applicability for military purposes is determined by representatives of the war or marine ministries. If approved by them, the inventions are taken over and the work of Prof. Painlevé's department is at an end. Inventions are welcomed, whether from world-famous scientists or workmen. The variety dealt with is immense, varying from a slight improvement in the pivot of a machine gun to the most abstruse application of modern physics.

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Westminster Court.

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The King vs. Donald Kingston, charged with larceny.

The King vs. Daphn D. Cormier, charged with theft.

The King vs. Fred Armstrong, charged with theft.

The King vs. Thomas Parrell, charged with obstructing a peace officer in the discharge of his duty.

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DIRECT TAXATION

(Montreal Financial Times.)

Interest in the fiscal problems of Canada is, naturally enough, becoming somewhat acute among those who devote their attention to financial questions. It is generally recognized that Finance Minister White has a difficult task before him in dealing with the need for greatly increased revenues which will be felt when it becomes necessary to pay interest—and we may hope some small instalments of principal—on the nation's war borrowings. The opinion is becoming increasingly widespread that a resort to a more extensive use of direct taxation will be inevitable. The federal government has hitherto managed to avoid almost all forms of direct taxation, the reason generally advanced being the fact that the provinces are largely restricted to that form of levy and it is therefore just to leave them an unhampered field. The real reason is more probably to be found in the fact that indirect taxation is less objectionable to the victims—or has been found so in Canada—for many years—and that the federal government has been able to avail itself of very extensive powers of taxation in the provinces as a result of the popularity of the National Policy, and the huge import movement.

The present situation is not such as to encourage the idea that indirect taxation can be of much further use in dealing with the revenue requirements which will follow our war-time expenditure. "Canadian Finance," the Winnipeg business organ, expresses the situation neatly when it says:

Leaving aside all debate as to equitable distribution of burden, it must be admitted that in a period of expanding imports, customs duties may be counted upon to furnish the bulk of national revenue. When the trade balance materially changes, however, other sources must be looked to. The balance has plate the prospect that imports will remain much smaller than they have been, many years to come; they must d' so, because the importation of new capital, which has made possible and necessary, will be much smaller in the future.

An interesting suggestion is made by W. A. Donald of McMaster University, Toronto, in an article in the Chicago Journal of Political Economy. It is to the effect that the provincial governments may either have to forego their present policy of direct taxation. This is not much of a choice, and we imagine that the provincial governments will greatly prefer to allow the federal power to go on collecting money for them, and paying it over to them under the form of subsidies, whether it has to levy direct taxes in order to do so or not.

The United States presents plenty of instances of income taxes collected by more than one authority from the same income, or while the process may be painful it is not necessarily unjust or illegal. The Commonwealth of Australia has instituted a federal income tax, which in many of the states falls on top of a state income tax. The plain fact is that no nation can indulge in the luxury of war without paying for it, and the process is bound to be disagreeable. It is infinitely desirable that Canadians should begin to think seriously about this situation, and to discuss (with as little partisan bias as possible) the best means for dealing with it.

The Old Time Bankrupt.

The old time bankrupt in Scotland had to submit to treatment that would have done something to satisfy even Charles Lamb, who maintained that bankrupts should be hanged. He was compelled to wear a hideous parti-colored dress, half yellow and half brown, until such time as he had paid his debts in full. This was intended merely as a friendly warning to those who might have dealings with him. As a punishment the bankrupt was publicly exhibited in the market place. In England until 1861 bankrupts were treated as criminals.

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