RUMANIAN ARMY STANDS AT BAY NEAR PLOECHTI

Austro-Germans Driven to the Westward.

RUSSIANS COMING ON

Advance on Moldavian Frontier Continues Despite Desperate Resistance.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10, via London.—The Rumanians who have been retreating in eastern Wallachia before the Teutonic advance, have made a stand to the east of Ploechti, the war office announces today. They assumed the offensive on the road from Ploechti to Buzeu and drove the Austro-German forces back to the westward.

On the Moldavian frontier the Russian advance is continuing in the river valleys, despite strong resistance. The official statement reads:

"In the Putna valley and north of Dorna Watra fighting continues. Our detachments, during their advance, encountered strong enemy resistance. We are continuing to advance in the Trotus, Salty and Chebomaha (Chobainjos) valleys.

"On the Rumanian front the Rumanians assumed the offensive along the Buzeu-Ploechti road and drove back the enemy to a position behind the Grikovula River."

ANOTHER CROSSING OF DANUBE CLAIMED.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—(By wireless to Sayville).—A new crossing of the Danube between Tchernavoda and Silistria by the Bulgarians, is announced in today's army headquarters statement regarding operations on the Rumanian front, which also records a continued advance by the Teutonic armies in eastern Wallachia.

Admit Russian Victory.

On the Moldavian front of Rumania Russian troops captured a height south of the Trotus valley, but were repulsed in attacks between Kirlibaba and Dorna Watra.

The text of the statement follows:

"Front of Archduke Joseph: The Russians again attacked between Kirlibaba and Dorna Watra without achieving success. South of the Trotus valley they captured a height, but although employing strong forces did not succeed in gaining ground on the side of the point of irruption.

"Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen: The armies in eastern Wallachia are advancing.

"Bulgarian forces have crossed the Danube between Tchneravcda and Silistria. In Dobrudja there has been little fighting activity."

IN FLIGHT, SAY AUSTRIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—An official statement issued today by Austro-Hungarian headquarters, as received here from Vienna, says the Russians and Rumanians are in full flight before Field Marshal von Mackensen's Danube army, and that the Rumanian army which was in front of Gen. von Falkenhayn's right wing has been annihilated. The Russian forces which tried to join the Rumanians from the mountain region, it adds, are retreating.

RUSSIAN AVIATORS' BRILLIANT WORK.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10, via London.—Numerous aviation operations along the Russian front are reported in today's official statement. The text reads:

"Western front: In the course of an aerial engagement in the region north of Dvinsk one of our airplanes came down in the vicinity of Kolub Lake. The machine was demolished, but the aviators were uninjured.

"Another aerial engagement in the region of Illukst resulted in a German fokker being hit and falling almost perpendicularly to the earth. Our airplane, after accomplishing the prearranged reconnaissance, returned safely, notwithstanding the machine was pierced with numerous bullet holes.

"On the rest of the front there has been an exchange of fire and reconnaissances."

FAMOUS JAPANESE FIELD MARSHAL DIES

Popular Idol of Russo-Jap War Dead at Tokio.

TOKIO, Dec. 10.—Field Marshal Prince Iwao Oyama, commander-in-chief of the Manchurian army of Japan, during the Russo-Japanese war, is dead.

HAD BOILS FOR SIX MONTHS

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ENTENTE TO FORCE ISSUE WITH GREECE, IS LONDON REPORT

Ultimatum Ready To Be Presented on Sunday.

NATIONALS READY TO GO

Tino Is Said To Be Rushing His Troops to the Capital.

London, Dec. 10.—"It is understood on reliable authority that an Entente ultimatum will be presented to Greece on Sunday," says Reuter's Athens correspondent, telegraphing under Saturday's date.

"The British and Russian ministers had an audience with the King today and subsequently the King summoned the American minister. The personal baggage of the Entente diplomatists has been sent to Piraeus."

TROOPS RUSHING TO CAPITAL.

London, Dec. 10.—News dispatches to the Weekly Dispatch from Syra Island, dated Friday, say that reports from Athens state that troops are arriving there continuously, and that 20,000 have gathered in and around the capital.

The Allied ministers, it is added, asked for an explanation of this concentration and Premier Lambros replied that it was for the preservation of order. The Government press in Athens the reports continue, admit that 1,600 followers of Former Premier Venizelos have been seized. It is added that the mayor of Athens, who is 75 years old, along with 183 others, has been committed to prison on charges of high treason and intent to commit murder.

READY TO JOIN CENTRAL POWERS

London, Dec. 10.—King Constantine has informed one of the legations at Athens that he would join with Germany, if the Entente Allies break off diplomatic relations with him, according to a dispatch from Piraeus, by way of Syra Island, Friday to Lloyds Weekly News.

CRITICAL SITUATION REPORTED SATURDAY.

ATHENS, Saturday, Dec. 9. — Via London, Dec. 10. — The situation here is believed to be approaching a critical moment.

Garrett Droppers, the American minister, was in conference with King Constantine more than an hour today. The Spanish minister has left for Valencia, ostensibly on leave of absence, placing the legation in the hands of the charge d'affaires.

All the Entente nationals have been ordered by their legations to quit Athens today.

READY TO JUMP INTO WAR AT ONCE.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Special dispatches from Rotterdam quote the Frankfurter Zeitung's Budapest correspondent as saying that Greece has notified the central and Entente Allies that she is determined henceforth to maintain strict neutrality, that she will not make a single further concession to the Entente, and that any new challenge from the Entente will be regarded as a casus belli.

The dispatches add that according to the Frankfurter Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent the Entente powers have agreed that, if it becomes necessary, they will dethrone King Constantine, and enthrone Prince Pierre, the 8-year-old son of Prince George of Greece, with M. Venizelos as regent.

GETTING IN TOUCH WITH TURKS AGAIN.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 10.—Via London.—Discussing the Greek situation, the Berlin Vossische Zeitung says that as soon as the announcement of the Entente blockade of Greece was made Greece began making preparations to meet it. The Greek army, according to this newspaper, is well supplied with arms and ammunition. Food tickets, it adds, were issued in Athens on Sunday.

The paper says it understands that wireless communication between Turkey and Greece has been re-established.

MORE PROMISES BY WILY TINO.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Reuter's Athens correspondent, telegraphing Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, says:

"According to Greek statements a friendly spirit prevailed at the audience King Constantine gave the British and Russian ministers yesterday. The king, as a sign that he entertains no hostile intentions, offered to withdraw two regiments from Thessaly, and intrust the guarding of the Corinth Canal and the Chalois bridge to French torpedoboat destroyers.

"While the Greek Government announces that the situation has improved, the diplomatic body is reserved."

BLAME ALLIES FOR CAUSING RIOTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A statement regarding the clash at Athens, following the allied demand that Greece give up arms and ammunition to the allies, was presented to the state department Saturday evening by the Greek legation. It declared full responsibility for the incident rested on the allied commanders, and charged that the Anglo-French fleet continued its bombardment of the city after an armistice had been decided upon.

The statement, handed to the department for its information, was a copy of a cablegram from Athens, instructing the Greek minister at London to call the facts to the attention of the British foreign office. It is signed by Foreign Minister Zalacostas.

MINE WORKERS VOTE FOR OFFICERS TUESDAY

Biennial Election of Union Will Be Held at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—Members of the United Mine Workers of America, numbering 400,000 coal miners in the United States and Canada, will vote tomorrow for officers at the biennial election of the union. John P. White, president, who is a candidate for re-election, was opposed by John H. Walker of Illinois. William Green of Ohio, secretary, also a candidate for re-election, was opposed by J. L. Sims of Linton, Ind. Frank J. Hayes, vice-president, had no opposition. Returns of the vote from 3,800 local unions will be tabulated in the international headquarters here. The result of the election will be known about January 1.

MAY SUCCEED LATE MR. DUFF

GEORGE S. HENRY, M.P.P. for East York, who is reported to be sure of receiving the appointment of minister of agriculture in the Ontario cabinet, made vacant by the death of Hon. J. S. Duff.

GERMAN CIVILIANS ARE SATISFIED WITH HOME IN ENGLAND

Only 2,000 Wish To Be Exchanged for British in Germany.

London, Dec. 11.—After protracted negotiations through the medium of the United States, arrangements have been made for the exchange of German and British civilian prisoners who are over 45 years old. About 4,000 Germans are interned in the United Kingdom and 700 British civilians are interned in Germany. Whether the prisoners will reach their respective homes depends upon the success of the admiralty in finding a neutral steamer on which to make the exchange.

Preparations are being made to break up the camps for Germans on the Isle of Man and those established for British civilian prisoners in Germany. Only 2,200 of the Germans interned in the United Kingdom expressed a desire to return to Germany.

EX-PASSENGER MANAGER OF C.P.R. DIES IN TORONTO

Robert Kew Had Adventure as Soldier; Success as Railwayman.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Robert Kerr, formerly passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, passed away quietly at his home, 69 Madison avenue, Toronto, on Saturday. He was born at Toronto on August 23, 1845, and his career was marked by adventure as a soldier and by success as a railwayman. During the American Civil War of 1861-65 he fought on the side of the North, and was distinguished for his bravery.

In business Robert Kerr was a man of conspicuous ability, who thought quickly and acted promptly. In 1866 he entered railway life with the Northern Railway of Canada, and in 1879 he was made through freight agent for the same road. Also in 1879 he was appointed to the position of general freight and passenger agent of the Northern and Northwestern Railways. It was in June, 1884, that he went to the C. P. R. He began as general freight and passenger agent for lines west of Fort William. In 1896 he was made traffic manager of the lines west of Fort William. In June, 1899, he was appointed to the position of passenger traffic manager of the entire system, and he filled this office until October 1, 1910, when he retired.

Since his retirement he has lived in Toronto. Those who knew the late Robert Kerr, and those who labored with him, pay glowing tributes to the many estimable qualities of which he was possessed.

Sunday night a large number of the Montreal C. P. R. officials left for Toronto to attend the funeral, which takes place Monday at 2:30 o'clock.

SOLDIERS LEAP FROM TRAIN EN ROUTE HERE

Two Who Promised to Join R. C. E. Make Escape.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Windsor, Dec. 10.—George Mount, aged 21, and Fred Barker, aged 25, who claim Montreal as their home, after promising Magistrate Leggatt they would enlist in the Royal Canadian Engineers in preference to serving 30 days in the Sandwich jail, decided, while en route to London, Ont., to withdraw their promise, and made a spectacular escape from a Grand Trunk train running at a speed of over forty miles an hour, near Walkerville on Saturday.

Members of the Engineers' recruiting staff here made a search for the two culprits, but could not locate them. It is believed they took a Michigan Central train through the tunnel and escaped to Detroit. Those who saw the men make their jump consider it miraculous that they escaped being killed or seriously injured.

Because of many attempts made to escape army duty, it is said a military patrol along the border may be established.

PTE. "CLEM" MOULTON IS HOME IN INGERSOLL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

INGERSOLL, Dec. 10.—Friends of Pte. Clement Moulton, formerly of the 168th Battalion who had the misfortune to break his ankle at Borden Camp are pleased to have him in their midst again. He is home from Toronto on a month's leave of absence. Pte. Moulton was a defence player last year on the Ingersoll junior hockey team.

RIBOT DEAD.

Paris, Dec. 11.—Professor Armand Ribot, philosopher and member of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, died yesterday, aged 78.

PEACE RUMORS OF MEDIATION PROVE BUT GERMAN PLOT

Designed To Embarrass the Entente Powers.

AMERICANS BELIEVE THIS

Figure That Germany Is Endeavoring To Draw States In.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Offers of mediation or suggestions of peace to the European nations have not been made by the United States, they are not now being borne across seas by Ambassador Gerard, and will not be broached by this Government in the near future unless there is some quite unexpected turn in world events.

These facts are stated authoritatively by one of the highest officials of the Government to counteract reports to the contrary, which have been generally published, much to the embarrassment of the administration and to the misleading of foreign nations.

In official circles it is felt that the increasing and apparently authoritative rumors that the United States is planning some move for peace are calculated above all else to destroy chances of peace, and no matter what their origin, to defeat their own ends.

Two cardinal facts stand out in the minds of officials: First, that many such proposals originate in German circles, and second, that their reiteration has been driving Allied statesmen to an extremity of refutation from which it would be very embarrassing for them to recede.

Without in any way passing on the ultimate outcome of the war, it is felt here that Germany has largely achieved her objectives and that she is in a position to treat on the basis of her present gains without subjecting herself to the inevitable losses of men and money caused by further hostilities.

The Allies, on the other hand, have shown that they are absolutely opposed to peace now. They have left not the least doubt that they would regard mediation at this time as unfriendly. It is firmly believed here in official circles that such an attempt by this Government would subject the United States to the charge of partisan interference in the war.

EXPERTS BELIEVE TEUTONS WILL NOT FOLLOW UP SUCCESS

Russians Think Wallachia Is Sole German Aim.

MENACE TO SLAVS SMALL

Writers Think Enemy Will Hesitate to Risk Advantage Gained in Rumania.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 10.—Via London.—The Rumanian disaster is more keenly felt by Russia than the other Allies. The latest reports say that the Rumanians are devoting increased energy to the task of delaying by rearguard actions the rapid advance of the enemy forces over the flat country, which provides few opportunities for a successful defense. The idea of defending the line of the Jalomitsa River about 30 miles east of Bucharest, apparently has been abandoned on account of the unexpectedly rapid development of General von Falkenhayn's operations north and east of Bucharest, which has made this line untenable.

Most of the Russian military experts consider that with the fall of Wallachia the aim of the Germans has been accomplished, and that there is no possibility of their following up their success by an advance into Moldavia, where not only are the difficulties of terrain considerably greater but the Rumanians can be reinforced by Russian troops capable of making a strong defence.

At any rate, the menace to Russia from this quarter, although an obvious possibility, is still to vague to cause real apprehension. Colonel Shumsky, military critic of the Bourse Gazette, commenting on the advantage gained by the central powers in the tremendously shortened front, says it is extremely unlikely that this advantage will be risked in new explorations, especially at a time of the year unfavorable for the development of a new campaign.

AMERICAN SHELL PLANT GOING TO MONTREAL

Move Due to British Refusal to Renew Contracts in States.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Tribune this morning says:

"The International Arms and Fuse Company, which has been manufacturing three-inch shells for the Allies at its Bloomfield, N. J., plant, will open a branch in Montreal early in 1917, it was announced last night. More than three thousand men are employed at the Bloomfield plant and in the neighborhood of two thousand will be set to work in the Montreal branch, the opening of which is due to England's determination not to renew shell contracts in the United States.

"The opening of the Canadian branch will in nowise curtail the work of the Bloomfield plant," an official of the company asserted last night. "It may be necessary to move some of the machinery from Bloomfield to Montreal, but this will be replaced as quickly as possible."

ENGLAND TO LOAN CARS TO FRENCH

10,000 Will Be Sent Across the Channel Immediately.

Paris, Dec. 10.—Delayed.—The British Government, it is understood here, has engaged to send immediately to France ten thousand freight cars, taken from British railroad companies. Ten thousand additional cars are to be sent over during the first months in 1917, with a certain number of locomotives. This is to be done, it is understood, because Great Britain's military operations in France have been requiring the use of 20,000 French freight cars.

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LOVE, NOT LEGISLATION, CAN MAKE A CLEAN QUEEN CITY

Rev. R. W. Norwood Preaches Gospel of Forgiveness to Toronto Congregation.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—"In these days, when there are so many theories of life, so many theologies endeavoring to explain them, we are baffled by a mixture of things. Great minds are asking questions as to the goodness and the ability of God to run his universe. Modern literature is trying to usher God out of existence. The world is all wrong, they say, and God is being interfered with."

Thus spoke Rev. Robert W. Norwood, M.A., rector of Memorial Church, London, Ont., in an eloquent discourse at St. Stephen's Church yesterday morning. "I refer to the war," he continued, "to this dark cloud that is passing over us, the seeming victory of that cold-blooded policy against the heartbeats of humanity, of every kind of policy that gives the lie to the Sermon on the Mount. I challenge any notion that tends to deny that God is in his heaven, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, against which the gates of hades cannot prevail. It is not God that is terrible, but those who think him so. I bring to you the message of redemption, the only one worth anything to a world of failing men and women, whose only greatness is to fall to rise again."

Basing his subject on that wonderful response of Christ to Peter, as to how many times he should forgive his brother who sinned against him, Rev. Mr. Norwood emphasized the fact that there was no limit to the power of God's forgiveness. "As though forgiveness was something to be placed on the bargain counter and bought," he added.

"The failure of the church in the past has been that it has tried to save the world by mathematics. You have sought to make Toronto clean by law, but I say you cannot heal the harlot by legislation, but only by love. Snobbery, pride and selfishness have so taken hold that this infinite Gospel of forgiveness is shut out of our homes, and we let go our vials of wrath on the first one who offends."

MALE CHORUS STRIKES IN MID-PERFORMANCE

Forty-Three Singers at Chicago Demand Increase of Pay.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—Forty-three singers—French, Italian, Russian and English—composing the male chorus of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, overwhelmed, they said, by the high cost of living, went on strike last night just before their entrance during the second act of Gotterdammerung. Cleofonte Campanini, general director, refused to meet their demands and the opera proceeded without the male chorus. The strikers said they were unable to live on their salaries.

DONS BLOCK TRICK OF HUN SUBMARINES

Prevent Communication With Interned Vessels at Las Palmas.

Paris, Dec. 11.—German steamers interned at Las Palmas have been obliged to move into the inner harbor, according to a Madrid dispatch to the Petit Journal. The dispatch adds that the Spanish cruiser Princess de Asturias has been anchored off the entrance to the port to prevent submarines from communicating with the interned ships.

WILL MAKE BRITAIN DRY

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The measures of the new Government for the control of food supplies will be preceded by one for the entire control of the liquor trade, according to well-informed sources. Absolute prohibition of the consumption of spirits, except medically, and restrictions on the beer trade are expected. The whole resources of the spirit trade, it is believed, will be put under state control early in the new year, and the accumulated stocks diverted to other purposes than drink. The distillation of whisky and gin will be prohibited.

WASHINGTON TO PROBE PRINT PAPER PRICES

U. S. Federal Trade Commission to Hold Public Hearing.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The inquiry into all conditions that affect news print paper prices to be made by the federal trade commission at a public hearing tomorrow, it was announced today, will go into the reasonableness of contract and current prices, costs and profits of paper manufacturers, gross profits of jobbers, factors affecting the supply and demand and remedies for the situation.

At a previous hearing during the summer, paper users declared they would later present evidence to show there had been collusion among news print producers to raise prices. Among those expected here to testify tomorrow are: P. T. Dodge, president of the International Paper Company; George Chanoon Jun, a Canadian manufacturer; E. W. Backus of the Minnesota and Ontario Power Company, and George H. Mead of Doyton, O., and J. I. Carey of the International Brotherhood of Papermakers.

DESERTER CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING CHINESE

Conspired to Take Them Across Erie Near Buffalo.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 11.—An alleged plot to smuggle Chinese coolies in large numbers into the United States from Canada is said by federal officials to have been uncovered by the arrest here yesterday of Richard Blaikie, an alleged deserter from the Canadian army. Blaikie was employed on the steamer Superior, and was taken off the vessel on her arrival here from Cleveland.

Federal immigration officials assert that Blaikie, with several men, conspired to bring Chinese across Lake Erie near Buffalo in small boats. Blaikie denied the charges. He will be held by the immigration bureau at Buffalo.

CITY MUST PAY UP

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The city of Montreal must pay the costs of the investigation by Mr. Justice McDougall into the question of agreements or proposed contracts between the city corporation and the Montreal Tramways Company for an extension of the street railway franchise.

The petitioners put up $2,000 as security when they sent in their petition, but the judge ruled yesterday that the city itself should have asked for the investigation. The city will appeal against this decision.

CRINAN W. M. S. ANNUAL.

CRINAN, Dec. 10.—The annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Society was held in the church this afternoon. All the officers of the society were re-elected for the year 1917. The society raised for missionary purposes over $150, which is the best amount in its history.

NEGRO THE MURDERER, IS TIEPER'S DEFENCE

Witnesses Will Tell of Seeing Him Where Murder Occurred.

Buffalo, Dec. 11.—John Edward Telper's trial on a charge of murdering his mother was resumed today with the cross-examination of Mrs. Ralph Thorn, a visitor at Telper's Orchard Park home on the evening Mrs. Telper and her son Frederick were slain. Mrs. Thorn has told on the stand the story of the supper party and of Telper's return after the tragedy. The defence this week will endeavor to develop the theory that the murders were committed by a drug-crazed or drink-crazed negro. Witnesses will tell of seeing a negro who acted strangely near the city line on the night of the murder, and others will describe a negro seen the next morning washing his hands in a creek a short distance from the murder scene. This negro explained his actions by saying he fell from a street car.

In rebuttal District Attorney Moore is expected to call as witnesses motorists who traveled over the Orchard Park road unmolested a short time before the murders were committed.

BABY KILLERS MET INSTANTANEOUS DEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The destruction of a zeppelin on the northeast coast of England on the night of November 27 was described here today by William Cockfield of Montreal, a passenger on the American Line steamship St. Paul from Liverpool. Mr. Cockfield was in West Hartlepool at the time. The zeppelin was brought down just off that city, where it fell into the water at an estimated distance of about four miles from shore.

"The zeppelins were heard going over inland early in the night," Mr. Cockfield said. "It was on their return that at least two of them were brought down. When the zeppelin was hit it almost instantly burst into a glow of white light. It slowly turned over in the air and headed end downward, its drop through the air appearing greatly like a descending monster rocket. When about 500 feet from the water the glow burst into a red flame, lighting up the coastline like the glow from a monster fire.

"The crew must have met instant death, as the white glow was evidently caused by gas fumes. No wreckage was found after the fall, indicating that all but the metal framework was consumed while in the air."

Mr. Cockfield has been in England visiting his son, a member of one of the Canadian regiments.

JOSEPH GIBSON SPEAKS.

STRATHROY, Dec. 10.—Joseph Gibson, of Ingersoll, today preached in the Methodist Church this morning, the Baptist Church in the evening, and addressed a meeting in the Methodist Sunday school this afternoon in the interest of the Dominion Alliance.

BRITAIN'S SHARE OF WAR COSTS VASTLY EXCEEDS FRANCE'S

90,000,000,000 Francs Spent by England Until March 30.

72,600,000,000 BY FRENCH

Budget Speech Says Republic Has Paid Every Debt Incurred.

PARIS, Dec. 10.—Raoul Peret, former minister of commerce, discussing in the Chamber of Deputies last evening in behalf of the appropriations committee the budget for the first three months of 1917, pointed out that France will have incurred expenditures to the amount of 72,500,000,000 francs between the opening of hostilities and the end of March next, while Great Britain will in the same period have had an outlay of 90,000,000,000 of francs. This statement drew exclamations from the deputies to the effect that "Great Britain is thus proved to have collaborated cordially and completely."

The resources M. Peret puts against the expenditures made and authorized amount approximately to 64,000,000,000 francs as follows: 10,200,000,000 tax receipts; 38,700,000,000 short and long-term bonds of France; 5,600,000,000 loans from England and the United States; 9,000,000,000 advanced by the Bank of France; 200,000,000 advanced by the Bank of Algeria. This leaves an apparent deficit of 8,000,000,000 francs. M. Peter said that this does not represent the actual expenditures, but the authorized outlay, and that of the appropriations for 1914 included in the total 700,000,000 was annulled. He added that the cancellations for 1915 would be proportionately large, and before the total remaining net amount was due several months would elapse.

"France has paid when due every debt incurred," he continued. "In spite of the apparent discrepancy between the appropriations and the receipts we need have no anxiety for the future."

PROMPT ACTION URGED TO PRESERVE NIAGARA BEAUTY

Advance of Electrical Development Will Soon Prevent Plan.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Establishment of an international park on both banks of the Niagara River at Niagara Falls with the organization of an international committee to regulate the use of the waters and banks of the falls and river, was advocated last night at a meeting held here by the Niagara state reservation commission.

If another ten years is allowed to elapse without action the prodigious advance of electrical science would prevent the acquisition of land now available for an extension of the reservation, at comparatively low cost, in the opinion of Judge A. T. Clearwater, of Kingston.

"The people want Niagara Falls preserved as a spectacle," declared J. Horace McFarland, president of the American civic association, which organization, he said, had approved the plan of forming an international committee. The present time, he said, seemed most opportune for united international action with regard to the future of the falls.