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ANGLO-FRENCH SAFE FOR PRESENT

CLEAR ROAD THROUGH GREECE IN RETREAT TO SALONIKI

DESTROY ROADS BEHIND THEM

In Rear Guard Action Two Companies Irish Regiment Were Sacrificed.

London, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia. By arrangements with the Greek government, a clear road had been left to fall back on Saloniki.

A German official report claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement. This is considered here to be an exaggeration. Athens and Saloniki accounts say that the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner, without heavy losses.

By the destruction of railway bridges and roads and stubborn rear guard actions, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe distance. In one rear guard action two companies of the Inniskillen regiment sacrificed themselves to save their comrades.

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Teutons intend to follow the British and French into Greece and what action Greece will take should they do so. The impression is gained from Athens dispatches is that neither the Bulgarians nor Turks, also reported near the frontier, would be welcomed in Greece; therefore it has been decided that to follow the entente forces, the task would be undertaken by the Teutons.

However, with the railway destroyed, it may be some days before Greece is called upon to act and by that time the entente forces will be safe in Saloniki, under the guns of the fleet.

The Serbian army is resisting the Austrians and Bulgarians in Albania, while the Austrians are making very slow progress against the Montenegrins.

There are only small actions on the eastern and western fronts. On the Gallipoli peninsula snow fall impedes operations. The allied ships are keeping the Turks busy.

ALLIES RETIRE FROM SERBIA

London, Dec. 13.—The Anglo-French troops, who last week began their retirement from their advanced positions in southern Serbia, are approaching. If they have not crossed the Greek frontier, and the attitude Greece will adopt becomes more and more important.

Dispatches from Athens and news available in London indicate that the matter, which was left to the Greek and allied military authorities at Saloniki, is being amicably arranged and that the allies will be allowed to retire to that city without any interference by the Greeks and will be permitted to remain there. According to information from Athens today the Greek government has agreed to withdraw its troops from Saloniki.

Questions seriously occupying the Greek government have to do with the use of the railways which are needed for the Greek troops, and the damage that might be done to them with the object of impeding Bulgarian pursuit, should the Sofia government decide that the British and French are to be followed into Greek territory. The Greek government has good evidence of the effectively manner in which the French engineers destroy railways in the work done along the line north of the Greek frontier. So well was this accomplished that the Bulgarians were greatly delayed, having to use roads covered with snow, with the result that the French escaped almost unscathed.

The British casualties are estimated at 1,500 while they were forced to leave behind eight field guns which had been placed in position to cover the retirement and could not be removed.

GIVEN FIVE TRIAL

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—A large steel bridge of a new type was given an extensive trial test here today by Lieut. Byron C. Jones of the United States army in the presence of the aviation corps of the Rhode Island National Guard.

The new airplane is described as one of twice the size of the ordinary airplane with a torpedo body and two gun turrets. It is built of vanadium steel throughout and is driven by 140 horsepower motors.

The tests declared by the builders to have been satisfactory.

CARRANZA HAS NULLIFIED ACTS

CONTRACTS AND CONCESSIONS GIVEN BY HUERTA VOID

REQUIRES NEW APPLICATIONS

The Acts of the Conventionalist Government Are Treated Likewise.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Formal notice of the nullification by Carranza of "all acts, contracts and concessions" of Huerta and the conventionalist government in Mexico reached the Mexican embassy from Mexico City. The order is effective immediately.

He notified individuals and corporations, holding such concessions, that it was necessary for them to make new applications, exactly as though no such concessions had heretofore existed.

CONVENTION OF WOMEN OPPOSED TO SUFFRAGE

Condemn Their Sisters Who Fetter Congress in These Troublous Times.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The National Association of Women, opposed to suffrage, adopted resolutions today condemning as unpatriotic the efforts of suffragists to bother congress with suffrage amendments when that body is facing the greatest problems since the war between the states.

A committee's organization is to be formed in southern cities, where suffrage is becoming important for the first time.

SEVERE STORM RAGES ON NORTH ATLANTIC

First Heavy Snowfall of Season—Central Off New Jersey Coast.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The storm, which in the last twenty-four hours brought to the North Atlantic seaboard and the Great Lakes region the first heavy snow of the season, was central off Sandy Hook N. J., moving northward.

The weather bureau's forecasters predicted more snow tomorrow in New York, New England, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Warnings are displayed to shipping. Five inches of snow fell in Philadelphia. The wind is blowing at sixty-four miles an hour in New York.

WINTER SEVERE TEST IN THE DARDANELLES

London, Dec. 13.—Winter in the Dardanelles is proving a severe test for the Turks and Australians alike. Reuters, correspondent at the front says the Turks had to evacuate several trenches which were flooded and that bodies of Turks and mules were washed into the allies trenches.

New Zealanders at the weather well, however, and the slope although they are not accustomed to it.

Would Put Ford in Race. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—The name of Henry Ford was today filed as a candidate for the presidential nomination in the Nebraska primaries to be held next April. The petition was filed by Ohio republicans.

Census of Petrograd. Petrograd, Dec. 13.—The census of Petrograd that has just been taken shows a total of 2,260,000 inhabitants.

In the Far Corners of the War



Above—Turkish officers in Syria, who commanded the volunteers marching to relieve Bagdad. Below—Giant bridge over Danube at S emuldrin, built by Germans upon their advance into Serbia.

IRISH SOLDIERS WIPED OUT IN ATTACK

Stemmed the Tide of Bulgarian Advance to Protect Their Comrades.

London, Dec. 13.—Only the sacrifice of two companies of the Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers and another of an Irish regiment from the British Serbian divisions in covering the retreat of the comrades allowed the allies' force to reach the third line of defense and stem the Bulgarian attack for final retirement from Macedonia. Wounded reaching the British headquarters in Greece say that the Inniskillens and other Irishmen were wiped out in an attack where the Bulgars outnumbered them ten to one.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION

Head of Engineers Says No One Can Predict.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—Talk of a great railroad strike in the spring if necessary to enforce a demand for an eight hour day is without authoritative foundation. Warren S. Stone, head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said today, "No one can predict what will happen four months from now," he said.

The conferences of heads of the organizations of railway engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen closed today. The engineers and firemen formally agreed to work with the others for an eight hour day without wage reduction and time and a half for overtime.

A committee representing the unions will meet in Chicago soon to put the demands in precise language for presentation to the railroads.

Solicitor Hildebrand Dead. Columbia, Dec. 13.—A message received in Columbia of the death of P. T. Hildebrand at his home in Orangeburg. He was solicitor of the first judicial circuit. He had been ill for some time.

WANTS LID PUT ON

New York, Dec. 13.—Fire-tor of the anti-saloon league today requested Mayor Mitchell to place no salient permits for liquor sales. New Year's eve, holding that the distress incident to the war sufficient to stop the distress.

PLOTTERS INDICTED ON TWO COUNTS EACH

Baron von Bricken and Partners Held for Conspiracy by Grand Jury.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Baron George Wilhelm von Bricken, attaché of the German consulate here; C. C. Crowley, a detective employed by the consulate; Margaret Corwell in Crowley's employ, were indicted by the grand jury on two counts each. The first charges conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the several states of the union and the United States and foreign countries. The second charges the use of the mails to incite arson, assassination and murder.

WILL SELECT HEAD OF TUSKEGEE SCHOOL

Naming of Washington's Successor Left to Sub-Committee By Trustees.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 11.—The selection of a successor to Booker T. Washington as head of the Tuskegee Institute was left to a sub-committee by the trustees at a meeting here today.

The trustees also authorized an endowment fund of \$200,000 to be known as the "Booker T. Washington memorial fund." No announcement was made when the subcommittee would meet. Over \$150,000 of the endowment is already pledged. They expect the negroes to give \$250,000.

British Surrender. Berlin, Dec. 13.—According to private advices from Constantinople, says the Overseas News agency today, "three British battalions of the army that retreated down the Tigris from the city of Bagdad, were surrounded by Turkish troops near Kut-el-Amara and surrendered."

In Wake of Allies. London, Dec. 13.—The Bulgarians within five miles of the Greek frontier and are following slowly in the wake of the allies, according to the Saloniki correspondent of Reuters, who says Doiran and Olegovell have been evacuated.

BULGARIANS MEET WITH BLOODY DEFEAT

Dispatch to London Tells of Attack on British Troops and Repulse.

London, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Times says the Bulgarians left more than 8,000 dead on the field after two attacks on British line. "On the second attack" the dispatch reads: "Our combined fire of artillery, rifles and rapid fire opened on advancing masses at a range of 500 yards."

The Bulgarians faced the murderous hail at a run, but were finally brought into flight which quickly became a helter-skelter rout.

Possibility of flanking movements through Greek territory were opened by the Greek decision to permit that country to be a battlefield for others. It is rumored for example, that British troops are landing at Kavala and that the first detachments of Serbians have been brought around from Albania to Saloniki.

The allied squadrons continue to pay close attention to the Greek coast and their restrictions of Greek commerce is unabated.

In other fields developments are unimportant. The Russians are reported to have defeated Persians rebels at Avdi and are nearing Hamadan.

On the western front minor successes are reported for British artillery and aircraft.

Oregon Chinese Protect. Portland, Oregon, Dec. 13.—The Chinese chamber of commerce of Portland cables a vigorous protest to the Chinese assembly against the change of form of China's government. "It is our opinion," said Leo Hong, president of the chamber, "that the Chinese people never will permit reactionary program to be carried out. We fully expect to see Yuan Shi Kai assassinated."

Japanese Were Mobb'd. Wenatchee, Wash., Dec. 13.—A mob at O'ville, a mining town near here, drove two Japanese from the town and piled the equipment of their store into the street and burned it.

The owner of the building had been warned that Japanese could not conduct business in O'ville.

Baseball Secretary Killed. Birmingham, Dec. 13.—M. T. Stratford, secretary of the Southern Baseball association, died as a result of injuries received when struck by automobile yesterday.

ANOTHER EFFORT TO STABILIZE EXCHANGE

HOUSE CAUCUS EXTEND WAR TAX

RESOLUTION WILL BE INTRODUCED IN HOUSE TODAY

VOTE TO COME ON THURSDAY

Only Two of One Hundred Fifty Present Refused to Be Bound.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The house democratic caucus tonight agreed to support a resolution designed to extend the emergency war tax one year without change. It will be introduced tomorrow and will probably reach a vote on Thursday.

The democratic leaders predicted its adoption by both houses before Saturday. Only two of the 150 members present declined to be bound by the rules.

Chairman Kitchin warned the democrats to have full strength on the floor Thursday or grave danger would lie ahead of the resolution.

Apparently the only contest of importance before the republican national committee tomorrow was the selection of the convention city. St. Louis and Chicago are leading. The Chicago exponents are not so optimistic.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL PURCHASE AMERICAN SECURITIES

ENGLAND HOLDS AMERICAN PAPER

New York Financiers Are Not Surprised at Action of Britain.

London, Dec. 13.—In an effort to stabilize exchange the British government has decided to purchase American securities, paying for them in five per cent exchequer bonds. E. J. McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer announced. The plan is to mobilize American and Canadian securities and buy them at the middle market price.

The chancellor said that there available a sufficient amount of securities to maintain exchange with New York and no effort would be made to harass the American markets. Estimates of the amount of American and Canadian securities held in England, he asserted, were from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 pounds to as high as 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 pounds.

Bankers of New York, it is understood, are not surprised at this decision and regard the revival of the liquidation of American securities as only an effort of maintaining exchange. New Yorkers estimate the stock and bonds thus held in Great Britain in excess \$2,000,000,000.

GERMAN MARKS AT LOWEST PRICE

New York, Dec. 13.—Due to a rumor that the German Imperial bank contemplates repurchasing the currency of all gold held privately in Germany, marks fell to the lowest level known today, when bill of exchange on Berlin dropped to seventy-seven and one-half, in substance making marks worth only nineteen and three-eighths cents. Austrian exchange fell to the lowest rates also.

REPLY FROM AUSTRIA IS EXPECTED SOON

Diplomat Conferred With Secretary Lansing on the Matter Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Austria-Hungary's reply to the United States note, on the sinking of the Ancona is looked for by the state department officials by the end of the week.

This was expressed after Baron Erich Swiedinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, conferred with Secretary Lansing regarding the note. He was trying to get informally, for the information of his government, an understanding of what would satisfy the United States.

The charge, in what was said, didn't indicate what action his country might be. He explained he hadn't heard from his foreign office on the subject.

DISCORD DEVELOPS IN FORD PEACE PARTY

Aboard the Steamship Oscar Scott, Dec. 13.—Resolution condemning the president's preparedness plans brought a protest from some of the members of Ford's peace party.

S. S. McClure and Judge Ben Lindsay refused to sign it on the ground that it is unpatriotic. Some members of the party even threatened to leave the party after Europe is reached.

An appeal was sent by wireless to each belligerent monarch in Europe saying the party had no intention to intrude, but pointing out that sixteen months of war had resulted in no gain; that each nation thought itself right, and each had the same patriotism, and requests an immediate truce to discuss peace proposals, which it said, will be submitted simultaneously to each of the belligerents by neutral nations.

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GREAT WAR CHANGED ASPECT OF AFFAIRS

Doctor Butler Gives His View of Relations to European Affairs.

Charleston, Dec. 13.—Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, told members of the Southern Commercial congress here tonight that the European war changed the aspect of American affairs.

In the future, he said, international problems were to surpass domestic problems. The chief task of preparedness would be for the United States to be ready to "bind up Europe's wounds and set up Europe's overturned political fabric."

IS AGAINST MONARCHY

San Francisco Chinese in Favor of Republic.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—The Chinese quarter here went on record today as being opposed to the restoration of China from a republic to a monarchy and decided to resist strenuously the proposed change in government.

At a mass meeting of protest called by Tong Kong Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association, and a former member of the Chinese senate, it was decided to solicit subscriptions from Chinese in all parts of the world to finance a revolution which would have as its object the permanent establishment of the Chinese republic. Before the meeting was over a large sum was said to have been subscribed.

Anti-Suffragists Convene. Washington, Dec. 13.—National Association opposed to woman suffrage met in convention with delegates representing twenty-three anti-suffrage associations. Delegates will be received by the president tomorrow. If the suffragists get a hearing before the republican national committee as proposed on Wednesday, the anti will ask also to be heard.

Arthur's First Execution. Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Ramon Villalobos, the first man to be put to death by the state since Arizona was admitted to the statehood, was hanged at the Florence penitentiary today. He was convicted of killing Philip Brown, a deputy sheriff at Flag, Ariz., in August, 1914.