

# BRITISH COLONIES OF GERMANY'S

## Kaiser Has Capture of India and Egypt in Mind as He Sends Big Forces Through Servia.

THE German drive southward is revealing itself not as a punitive expedition against Servia nor as a relief expedition for the Turkish forces fighting to hold Gallipoli against British and colonial troops, but as an effort to gain by force of arms the advantage that years of diplomacy and peace have failed to secure. It is, according to semiofficial pronouncement, a stroke for a swift passage of the Balkan mountain lands that will complete an unbroken German line from the North sea to the Bosphorus, that will advance across Asia Minor to the Persian gulf and India and that will envelop the Suez canal, Egypt, Tripoli and Algeria, the hard won north African possessions of the allies.

If this be indeed the ultimate purpose of the present movement it is magnificent in its sweep and bold in its daring, for it must be remembered that Germany cannot count on any

# REAL OBJECTIVE BALKAN CAMPAIGN

## Submarines by Passing Gibraltar Co-operate With Land Forces by Attacking Allied Ships.

mountain peaks alternate with deep canyons for many miles along the southern Bosnian border, while farther north are low lying, swampy lands quite as difficult for military purposes as the mountains. The most promising field for invasion is from the north over the plains of Hungary and on across the Danube and the Save.

It is evident that the Servians, following the same tactics that proved so successful against the Austrians last year, will make their stand in the interior of the country, where the topography is in their favor and where with the aid of English officers they have been hard at work for many months in building defenses.

### Bulgaria's Share In Advance.

Germany was assisted in her invasion by the Bulgarian forces working from two points—one toward Nish and the other along the Vardar valley, where she is expected to hold in check the forces that the allies have sent to

possible over a long stretch of the road into the interior of Asia Minor. With this concession has likewise come the possession of the town of Alexandretta, on the coast, which the Germans were at the outbreak of the war rapidly developing into a port of considerable importance.

The keys to this line and to the rich country that lies tributary to it are the western terminus at Scutari, opposite to Constantinople, and the section westward from Aleppo. That the Germans wish to fortify their possession of this road by actual occupation of it seems one of the motives of their present movement.

Again, the coast of Asia Minor and Syria has for years been a matter that has assumed great importance in every discussion of the final apportionment of the Ottoman empire. Italy and France among the allies have tentatively divided this coast, while in the offer that was made to Greece there was included the section from Smyrna to the gulf of Adalia. The islands lying off the coast are also expected as spoils of war by the allies in case of their success. The important island of Rhodes is already occupied by Italy, as are also Kos, Stampalia and several other of the smaller Sporades. Samos, Chios and Mytilene have been included in the concession to Greece if she would espouse the allies' cause. Smyrna can be easily reached by the Germans from Constantinople, and from the former place they might be able to exercise a control over much of the coast both to the north and south of Smyrna bay.

### Meet Friends In Syria.

In Syria the Germans would come up against the French developments in



MAP SHOWING GERMAN ROUTE TO TURK CAPITAL AND SCENE OF SUBMARINE ACTIVITY.

movement on the sea to aid her in such an enormous undertaking. It must be entirely a movement by land and must be accomplished on foot.

With the development of events it becomes increasingly apparent that Bulgaria's choice of allies was made some time before the official announcement. The glittering rewards dangled before King Ferdinand by the Teutons were apparently too much for his ambitious soul to withstand. The possibility constantly kept before him of wearing the crown of Byzantium and of controlling the Dardanelles was much more alluring than was the acquisition of the narrow strip of Macedonia which the allies were prepared to yield to him. The weeks of indecision were, after all, merely a cloak to cover the German preparations for what promises to be the boldest, most audacious stroke of the entire war.

### Servia the Weak Point.

In formulating the plan for a great drive toward the east the position of Bulgaria presented the greatest difficulty to the Teutons, since any advance into Turkey must sooner or later cross Bulgarian soil. But with Bulgaria co-operating, half the problem was solved. There remained then the choice of two courses of procedure, to violate the neutrality of Roumania to reach Bulgaria or to fight a way across Servia. The first of these was rejected. She would hesitate long before taking steps that would bring Roumania's fine army into the ranks of her enemies. Servia, unbroken though she was by her last year's campaign against Austria and her long wrestle with disease, seemed the weak point in the path, and here accordingly the Teuton entering wedge was directed.

On the west the natural defenses of Servia are so strong as to discourage invasion from that direction. Rugged

Servia's assistance through Saloniki. Granted the often proved bravery of the Servian army its stand against this double invasion was hopeless, even with such aid as the allies may give. Once arrived at Constantinople, with Servia crushed and the Bulgarian army behind her to keep the lines open for the movement of troops and supplies, Germany will be prepared for the development of her eastern campaign.

Any forecast of what direction this campaign might take must at the present time be pure speculation. Many expeditions are possible that would threaten the allies from many sides, but so large loom the practical difficulties in the way that even speculation goes wild. The one fact that Germany has not a single ship free on the sea would be enough to discourage any but the most active imagination.

As is well known, Germany has long seen her brightest future in the east. For many years her cleverest diplomacy and her most careful commercial colonization schemes have been directed there. So entrenched has she become in Asia Minor and Palestine that an English consul reported that Germans could get for the mere asking concessions that it took Englishmen many years of work and scheming to secure. The building of the Bagdad railroad has been regarded as one of Germany's greatest triumphs in the east. The importance that she herself attached to it in the present crisis is shown by the fact that work on it has been vigorously pushed.

### Connects Europe and India.

This railroad is designed as the great connecting link between the trade and travel routes of western Europe and the Persian gulf and India. Tunnels through the Taurus mountains have been finished within the past few months and several of the units of the line have been joined, so travel is now

Palestine. Here the French have built several railroads and have through their commercial agencies created growing colonies and a thriving business. It is doubtful, though, if the French have as strong a hold upon Palestine as the Germans themselves. Count von Bieberstein during his very able and shrewd management of the German embassy at Constantinople succeeded in securing innumerable concessions at Jerusalem, Damascus and other towns of the Holy Land.

There is a railroad leading down the Syrian coast from Aleppo to beyond the Dead sea and on to Medina, and by means of this the German forces, so far as opposition from the people of the country is concerned, could take up the route to Suez. There would still be before them, however, the desert of Et Tih, but as this was crossed earlier in the war by a Turkish force there seems no reason why the Teutons might not undertake the same expedition with some assurance of success.

### Submarines Co-operate.

The activities of the German and Austrian submarines in the Mediterranean sea form another interesting phase of the proposed invasion of the near east by the Teutonic allies. Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, announced some time ago that many British and French ships had been torpedoed in these waters. Then came the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona.

The German U boats succeeded in slipping past Gibraltar, where the allies were supposed to have many watchful patrol boats in wait for the enemy. But during the night the submarines gained entrance into the Mediterranean and for weeks played havoc with allied shipping. The daring of the undersea boats in making the trip from the Kiel canal to the Austrian coast has not been surpassed during the war.

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### Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution.

ESTATE OF MARK A. NEWMAN. State of Minnesota, County of Mille Lacs. In Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Mark A. Newman, decedent. The state of Minnesota to the next of kin and all persons interested in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent. The representative of the above named decedent having filed in this court her final account of the administration of the estate of said decedent, together with her petition praying for the adjustment and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons thereunto entitled. Therefore, you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the probate court rooms in the court house, in the village of Princeton, in the county of Mille Lacs, state of Minnesota, on the 14th day of December, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m., why said petition should not be granted. Witness, the Judge of said court, and the seal of said court, this 10th day of November, 1915. WM. V. SANFORD, Probate Judge. E. L. McMILLAN, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner. Princeton, Minn.

### Notice of Partition Sale.

State of Minnesota, County of Mille Lacs--ss. District Court, Seventh Judicial District. John L. Wetzel, Plaintiff vs. Jennie M. Kennedy and William Kennedy her husband, George F. Wetzel and Emma Wetzel his wife, Charles H. Wetzel, William G. Wetzel, Albert T. Wetzel and Effie F. Wetzel his wife, Ray A. Wetzel, Christian S. Neumann, also all other persons unknown having or claiming an interest in the property described in the complaint herein. Defendants. Notice is hereby given that pursuant to and in accordance with the judgment entered in the action above entitled on the 21st day of October, 1915, a certified transcript of which has been delivered to us; the undersigned referees will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the court house in the village of Princeton, county of Mille Lacs, state of Minnesota, on Saturday the 11th day of December, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, those certain tracts or parcels of land, lying and being in the county of Mille Lacs and state of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit: The east half of the northeast quarter of section fourteen (14), township thirty-six (36), range twenty-seven (27). Parcel No. 2--The west half of said northeast quarter of section fourteen (14), township thirty-six (36), range twenty-seven (27). By said judgment it is provided as follows: Said parcels shall be sold separately. Any party entitled to a share in said property, or an incumbrancer entitled to have his lien paid out of the proceeds of the same, may become a purchaser. All sales shall be made subject to the confirmation of the same by the court, and purchasers shall be allowed 15 days from the date of confirmation within which to perform. Dated October 20th, 1915. ANDREW BAYSON, HENRY NEWBERT, Referees. CHARLES KEITE, Attorney for Plaintiff. E. L. McMILLAN, Attorney for Defendant, Effie F. Wetzel.

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