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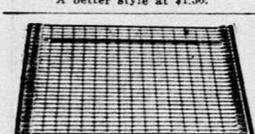
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FRENCH AND SERBS ABANDON THE DEFENSE OF GIEVGLI Forces Said to Have Retired, Following Heavy Bombardment—Mme. Grouitch Reaches Saloniki With 38 Orphans.

BY RICHARD HARDING DAVIS.

Special Columnar to The Star.

SALONIKI, December 11.—There seems to be no longer any doubt that Gievglis was evacuated early Friday by the French and Serbian forces. The Serbian inhabitants had already fled. On account of the bombardment even the Bulgarian residents moved out. The director of the post office, who arrived here this morning by horseback, says he was the last to leave the city, which was being bombarded.

He says shells set fire to the former American Hospital operated by Dr. James Donnelly, and which, after his death, was taken over by the French for the French and Serbian wounded, all of whom were safely removed. The railroad station also was destroyed. Mme. Mabel Grouitch, the Serbian-American in charge of the Frothingham unit, with her assistant, Elva Reed Le Grange of Oregon, left Gievglis on the 9th, bringing safely here in a freight car thirty-eight Serbian orphans. These women are doing splendid work. The orphanage, which is supported by Mr. Frothingham of Baltimore, was originally at Nish. When driven from there the staff took refuge at Gievglis. When your correspondent visited Gievglis last week these women were managing restaurants, with the profits of which they supported the orphans. Lady Scott's unit of five nurses who are Scotch, also escaped safely.

No Americans or English remain in Gievglis.

Refugees Crowding Into Saloniki.

Refugees are now crowding into Saloniki on mattresses in carts, carrying their pitiful possessions in handkerchiefs and baskets. It is a picture of this war that has been made familiar, but that these refugees are fleeing from a Bulgarian advance upon Saloniki does not follow. But Gievglis is so near the border that if the Bulgarians mean to halt there or fight on the Greek soil the next few hours should decide.

It is now possible to give in more detail an explanation of the withdrawal of the French and British to their second line of defense. To understand this withdrawal find on the map Krivopaluk, the former French advanced position, and follow the railroad and River Vardar southeast to Gradec, the present first French line.

The cause of this retreat is the inability to hold Monastir and their withdrawal of the French and British from the former line of the Serbians, French and British. The enemy is now south and west of the French, and their left flank is exposed.

Threatened by 100,000 Men. December 3, finding the advanced position at Krivopaluk threatened by four divisions—100,000 men—Gen. Sarrajl began the withdrawal, sending south by rail, without loss, all ammunition and stores. He destroyed the tunnel at Krivopaluk and all the bridges across the Vardar and on his left at the Cerna river. The fighting was heavy at Prevedo and Biserence, but the French losses were small. He withdrew slowly twenty miles in one week and established his advanced position at Demir-Kapu, with his first line at Gradec. The British also withdrew from their first line to their second line of defenses. Kourin in the Bolognia valley, and the important hill 516 are also believed to be lost.

Demir-Kapu, meaning the Gate of Iron, is the entrance to a beautiful and celebrated valley. Starting at Demir-Kapu and ending two kilometers north of Gradec, it rises on either side of the Vardar river and railroad line, in places less than 300 yards wide, formed by sheer hills, rocky, treeless and exposed. For five miles along the crest of the narrow pass the French artillery is now placed.

Finds Gradec Desolate. Last week your correspondent visited Gradec, then occupied by only two companies of infantry. All the inhabitants had fled. It was a mud village which last year had been practically destroyed. Until now it had been known chiefly for its ancient church, richly decorated with paintings on the walls

and out. At the request of the commanding officer, Merse, I took many photographs to send to his wife to show where he expected to spend the winter.

Hill 516 is the most important position, as it commands the valley of the Vardar. Last week, while I was visiting this hill, the Bulgarians were firing ready so accurate that shells fell within 100 feet of us. If it is true that it is now occupied by the Bulgarians this explains the withdrawal of the British line, which on that day, December 3, was shelling from a hill a quarter of a mile distant and below us. This afternoon a Greek military mission from Athens and Gen. Sarrajl discussed the question what course will be followed should the Bulgarians cross the Greek border.

Germany Reported in Possession. Mr. Davis' dispatch is dated Saturday. Advice received in London that morning from Reuter's Saloniki correspondent announced that the Bulgarians had been occupied by the Germans the previous day. Subsequent dispatches stated that the announcement was premature and that accounts the allies still held the town.

Greece will not demobilize, but will withdraw all her troops from Saloniki, except one division, according to the Times' Paris correspondent. This, the correspondent adds, is the result of the negotiations with Athens. The entente allies have decided to prosecute the Saloniki enterprise vigorously, and that will mean that the Bulgarians will do if the Teutons cross the frontier remain a matter of doubt. It is not believed that the Bulgarians will be permitted to cross, whatever their German allies may do.

J. A. WATTS HURT BY AUTO. Treasury Department Clerk Reported Victim of Skidding Machine.

John A. Watts, seventy years old, a clerk in the Treasury Department, was knocked down by an automobile this morning while at 14th and Clifton streets, not far from the Kensington, where he resides, and seriously hurt. D. J. O'Connell, 1321 Fairmont street, occupant of the automobile, took the injured man to Emergency Hospital. The accident happened, it is stated, by the automobile skidding when Mr. O'Connell applied the brakes to bring it to a stop.

Mr. Watts was waiting to board a street car to go to the Treasury Department when the accident happened. Physicians at the hospital found that the patient sustained a fracture of one arm, fracture of a rib, a severe injury to his ankle and was severely shocked.

Another Call to Number Back Gates. The police are continuing to enforce the regulation which requires back gates to be numbered. When an examination of gates was made by the police a month ago it was found that more than 12,000 were not numbered. A second inspection showed a total of 5,431 delinquents. It is probable that warrants for the delinquents will be issued by the wholesale, and, it is stated, the Police Court will be asked to impose fines upon offenders.

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On the Caucasian front, in the Milo sector, we repulsed the enemy, who had attacked our advanced positions. On the Dardanelles front, near Anafarta, the usual artillery duels continue. Our artillery twice hit an enemy vessel, and near Kemikie Liman shells struck an armored cruiser. Near Ari Burnu there have been vigorous bombardments. The land batteries opened fire, which lasted one hour, causing only unimportant damage. Our artillery replied and twice hit one of the cruisers, which was obliged to withdraw. The enemy's bomb throwers were silenced. Our artillery silenced some bomb throwers.

BRITISH STATEMENT.

LONDON, December 13: Wednesday sixteen of our aeroplanes bombed a store, and depot at Mirau-

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