

BULGARIANS FEAR TO ATTACK

RISK OF BEING CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO FIRES IS HOLDING BULGARS BACK

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FRENCH ARE WINNING Keen Interest is Manifest in a Meeting of the British Cabinet in City of London.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Conflicting reports continue to reach London from the scene of the near eastern campaign. Statements from some sources make it appear that Teutonic allies are preparing steadily for an offensive movement in conjunction with the Bulgarians and Turks.

The central powers are still negotiating with Greece. An interview with Premier Skouloudis forecasts failure of the efforts to prevent an invasion of Greece Macedonia.

Along the western front Paris reports successful artillery operations by the French in the Champagne; Woivre and Vosges. Berlin says operations are restricted by incessant rains.

The British public is looking forward with keen interest to today's cabinet meeting. It is expected the cabinet will consider the report of the Earl of Derby in regard to the settlement plan with special reference to the effect of this report on the question of whether military service should be compulsory.

TURKISH FORCES ARE REPULSED BY BRITISH

DELHI, via London, Dec. 27.—A vigorous Turkish assault against the British forces at Kutt-el-Amara was driven back Saturday with heavy losses, according to an official report received from General Townshend, the British commander.

The report says "Saturday the enemy launched a determined attack against a portion of our positions, which was repulsed with an enemy loss of from 800 to 800 killed and wounded. Our casualties were under 200."

IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OUST FORCES OF THE ALLIES

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—"With our batteries of heavy artillery and the men behind them it is impossible to oust the allied forces from Saloniki," said General Castelnau, chief of the French general staff, in a statement today to the Associated Press.

General Castelnau gave the interview after being received this morning by King Constantine and attending a luncheon at the French legation. Many of the most important officers of the Greek army and navy and several of the king's closest friends attended the luncheon.

"The situation at Saloniki today is most excellent," the general continued. "I spend several days examining the ground. I must say I have rarely seen an emplacement which lends itself better to defense."

"I may say also the position provides the most favorable conditions for offensive, as well as defensive operations."

The general was asked whether the Allies contemplate an offensive movement from Saloniki in the spring.

"Spring will tell," he replied. "It is impossible to discount the exigencies of the military situation so far ahead. Should it be decided upon the offensive from Saloniki would be made under peculiarly favorable conditions."

THREE SUICIDES

In the City of Wheeling with Various Methods Employed Are Reported.

WHEELING, Dec. 27.—Three persons took their lives in Wheeling this morning. William Fete, a mill worker, said to live in Steubenville, blew the top of his head off with a shotgun on the river bank, and Max Frank, a stogie maker, was found dead in his room with his throat cut. May Parsons drank poison during the night and was found dead a few hours later.

MORE VESSELS SUNK

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Sinking of the Belgian steamer Minstre Beernaert is announced. The crew left the steamer in boats, two of which are missing. The British steamer Coffinham of 513 tons, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

SISTER Of Frank C. Helmick, of This City, Dies at Her Home in Preston County.

Mrs. E. T. Wilkins, aged 78, a sister of Frank C. Helmick, of this city, is dead at her home at Independence, Preston county, as the result of a paralytic stroke which she suffered a few days ago while a guest at the home of her aged brother, C. W. Helmick, of West Milford. Her death at 7 o'clock Sunday morning was not unexpected as little hope for her recovery had been held since she was stricken.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home Tuesday afternoon, and interment will be in the cemetery at Independence.

Surviving relatives of the deceased woman are five brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Frank C. Helmick, of this city; M. E., D. S., and A. S. Helmick, of Fairmont, and C. W. Helmick of West Milford. Mrs. Mary Coburn, of near Springfield, O., and Miss Virginia Helmick, of Fairmont, are the sisters.

MINER STABBED At Mount Clare and Alleged Assailant is Jailed for a Hearing.

Accused of attempting to murder Oris Starkey, a coal miner of Mount Clare, by stabbing him in the left side with a knife, John Mowish, of that place, is a prisoner in the county jail awaiting a hearing before a magistrate. He was arrested Sunday at Mount Clare by Deputy Sheriffs Laco Wolf and Clarence Vanort.

The stabbing occurred Friday night at Mount Clare and is said to have been the outcome of a quarrel between the two men. Starkey's wound is a deep one and serious. He is being attended by a physician at his home.

SEAMEN MISSING Two Members of the Ill-Fated Chilean Bark Are Known to Have Been Lost.

HONOLULU, Dec. 27.—Two members of the crew of the Chilean bark Ivanhoe, which went ashore at Eleele on the island of Kauai yesterday, are known today to have been lost, and another is missing.

The Ivanhoe dragged its anchor for three hours and finally grounded, breaking in two. It is reported to be a total loss.

REPORT MADE By Consul on Sinking of Vessel Declares Attack was Made on It without Warning.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristol at Port Said called today that no warning was given the Italian liner, Yassak Maru, before it was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Tuesday by a submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he added, made no attempt to escape.

The consul's despatch, which came in response to Secretary Lansing's call for reports on the disaster, was the first official information on the incident, which probably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Teutonic powers.

The general assumption is that the submarine must have been German or Austrian. Renewed efforts will be made to determine its nationality. If the state department can gather the necessary information on which to proceed the United States is prepared to include the incident in its diplomatic negotiations against the sinking of non-combatant ships without warning.

STEAMER SUNK And Another is Beached But the Crews of Both Vessels Are Saved.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Hadley, 1,777 tons gross, has been sunk. The British steamer Emba, 1,172 tons, has been beached at the mouth of the Thames, safe forward. The crews of both vessels were rescued.

INTERN PRISONERS

ROME, Dec. 27.—Serbia has turned over to Italy 30,000 Austrian prisoners, who are being interned in Sardinia, being accompanied there by Serbian officers.

INVASION OF VETERAN RUSS ARMY NEW MENACE TO BULGARIA



Russian army mobilized at Odessa ready for Bulgarian invasion; General Savov, commander in chief of Bulgarian forces; map illustrating Russian invasion of Bulgaria, towns marked with heavy circles indicating concentration points of the Russian army.

For many weeks a large Russian army has been stationed at Odessa on the Black Sea, ready for an invasion of Bulgaria. A few days ago it was reported that a portion of this army had actually been landed at the Bulgarian port of Varna. The men Russia plans to use in conquering Bulgaria are all veterans of the Polish campaigns and to say the least they are hardy, rugged fighters.

NEW GAS Agreement is Being Framed by the State Public Service Commission.

The public service commission is rapidly getting an agreement framed up between all of the gas companies of the state that will be more uniform and which will give patrons of the various companies better service, according to Chief Engineer J. K. Anderson of the commission.

The action taken up by the commission of the West Virginia Natural Gas Association, which composes the control of practically all of the available gas supply in the state, through their secretary, Edwin Robinson, of Fairmont, is said to be the outcome of the recent Clarkburg gas famine which put the manufacturers of Clarkburg "hors de combat" for a short time.

This agreement when reached will mean a great deal to gas consumers, not only in the northern part of the state but in every section. Various clauses in the proposed agreement are more clear and will make the contracts issued to the consumers in the future much more concise.

BIG GATHERING Grooms Evangelist at the Initial Meeting of Revival Campaign at Adamston.

Not since Governor Hatfield addressed the people of Adamston has there been such a large number gathered at the Adamston Methodist Episcopal church as that which greeted the Rev. Dr. Baggett, at the opening service of the revival meetings at that church last night.

Dr. Baggett proved himself to be an able minister and fully up to all advance notices. The services each evening will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock with a half hour song service. The "Bible" Sunday song books will be used during the revival, and all persons possessing one of them is requested to take it with them.

Dr. Baggett will conduct factory meetings during the day which are now being arranged for. All persons are invited to attend these meetings. A cordial welcome awaits all.

EMMICH FUNERAL

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The funeral of General von Emmich, who died recently at Hanover, was held at the town hall. All the church bells of the city were rung as the body was taken to the cemetery. The grand duke of Oldenburg and the duke and duchess of Brunswick attended the service.

WILSON INDOORS. HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 27.—Heavy snow kept President Wilson indoors again today and he devoted the day to papers brought from Washington. With Mrs. Wilson he planned to go motoring later in the day. Among the questions before him was the selection of a postmaster for New York city, several applications for pardons, and numerous routine executive orders.

KING PETER OF SERBIA IS BROUGHT TO ITALY ON ITALIAN CRUISER

Voyage is Rough and the King is Carried Ashore in an Armed Chair.

HEART RENDING IS SCENE No Longer King but Just "General Tootani," Says His Majesty, in His Exile.

BRINDISI, Italy, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia, has arrived here on board an Italian cruiser.

The sovereign had refused resolutely until now to leave his army and it was only at the urgent entreaty of his son, the prince regent, that he at last agreed to go into exile. The prince pointed out to his father that it would be better for him to preserve his strength so that he would be able, after his health had been restored, to return to his country at head of a reorganized army.

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CONSTRUCTORS' PLANS Will Be Basis Used For Submarine Bids

According to the Annual Report of Rear Admiral Taylor, Chief of the Bureau.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Bids for submarines for the United States navy will hereafter be asked on the basis of plans prepared by the naval constructors. Heretofore the navy merely has asked for bids for submarines to perform certain service and the bidders have furnished the plans. The old practice of submitting to bidders only the general requirements of the navy will be abandoned, but that will not prevent bidders holding patents from submitting alternative bids and, between the two the navy may make its choice.

The fact that such progress in submarine construction has been made by the navy's own constructors to permit of such a departure is disclosed in the annual report of Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair.

"During the year," the report says, "there was begun a complete design for the latest submarine authorized by the last Congress. Although each builder of submarines has many patents, the patents will not constitute a bar to preparation of designs by the department. It is true that the designing and building of submarines is a specialty that requires experience, but we now have in the navy adequate experience in this connection."

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DEAD

Is Judge Kendall, a Former Mayor of City of Fairmont.

U. S. Kendall, aged 49, died in St. Joseph's hospital, Mount Clemens, Mich., Saturday evening. He underwent a serious operation about ten days ago. He was a graduate of Yale classical and law departments, ex-mayor of Fairmont and for several years was judge of the intermediate court of Marion county. After retiring from the bench he went to Detroit where he practiced law. He will be buried at the old Kendall homestead in Sumner county, Pa., Tuesday afternoon.

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REFUGEE MONARCH IS IN VERY SORRY PLIGHT

PARIS, Dec. 27.—"King Peter of Serbia was brought from Durazzo to Avlona on an Italian cruiser," says the Journal's Avlona correspondent. "The voyage was rough and the king had to be carried ashore in an armed chair. It was a tragic and heart-rending spectacle."

"An automobile carried the monarch to a secluded inn opposite the Italian headquarters, where I called upon him and was shown into the poorly furnished room he occupied. His clear eyes, what depth of bitterness did they conceal? His features hollowed by suffering, what immense weariness did they betray? That sorrowful countenance was the epitome of the whole tragic epoch."

"The physicians who interpreted for me told me that upon his arrival the king asked the price of the room and stated that he had no gold to pay for it."

"I am no longer king," he said. "I am only General Tootani. (This name which will shelter the king's incognito during his exile is that of a powerful family of Tirana to which Eshed Pasha belongs.) I give no more orders. It is the crown prince who commands. For the future I am nothing in the government. A soldier's duty is to obey."

"And the army your majesty?" I asked. "My soldiers are dropping from hunger and weariness. We must feed them and then after a few weeks' rest we shall see."

"What are your plans, sire?" "I want to go to Saloniki to see my minister of war. If this is impossible, I shall arrange something. I have got to live to see victory for my people and the triumph of our just cause."

DOUGLAS CHILD Will Be Buried at Miletus, Doddridge County, Tuesday Afternoon.

"Himmie" Douglas, aged two years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Douglas, of Northview, died at 15 o'clock Sunday night after an illness of a complication of diseases. The deceased boy is survived by his parents and two brothers.

The funeral services and burial will be held Tuesday afternoon at Miletus, Doddridge county. The funeral party will leave here at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday morning on Baltimore and Ohio fast passenger train No. 2.

Magi: Mrs. C. W. Murray, Murray Cornwall, and Hollis Perry. Guards: Clark Perry, A. J. Haight, Robert Horner, Rupert Winter, Glen Morrison and John Lanham. Arabs: The Rev. Robert Bragg, Alfred Bragg, the Rev. A. B. Withers, J. W. J. Thompson, and Henry McKinley. Mary: Mrs. Cooley. Jerusalem Girls: Misses Mabel Williams, Flora Russell, Esther Cornwall, Flora Davidson, Anna Withers, Lucille Martin, Lucinda Carter, Wilda Chorpensing, Ada Chorpensing, Anna Lauders, Bonnie Blackwell and Eunice Smith, and Mrs. Cooley. Mrs. C. H. Taylor, Mrs. Robert Horner, Mrs. Nora Martin and Mrs. A. B. Withers. Solo parts were taken by Mrs. Robert Horner, Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. J. Thompson. Recitations from the primary department were given by Hilda Horner, Gladys Frankinberry, Gertrude Hamrick, Dennis Thompson, and Ralph Lauders. There were also exercises by the Bible class. The consists will be repeated Tuesday night for the benefit of the congregations that did not have the privilege of seeing it.