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GREEK SITUATION IS NOW SERIOUS

An Outbreak Momentarily Expected. Greek Forces Secretly Arming. Central Powers Have Promised Constantine Full Support if He Joins Them.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The London correspondent of the Tribune cables under Sunday's date as follows: Trouble is brewing in Greece and an outbreak is expected at any moment. The exact conditions are obscured by the constantly conflicting reports from every side. Officials here are extremely sceptical of reports from Greek and Teutonic sources that the situation has improved. Rumors of the secret mobilization of Greek troops gain added weight from Berlin despatches. The "Vorwaerts Zeitung" declared today that as soon as the Entente authorities announced the blockade of Greek ports, Constantine began making preparations to meet it. The Greek army is well equipped for service, the newspaper added. That an Entente ultimatum would be presented to Greece today was the report of Reuter's Athens correspondent, under date of yesterday. The nature of the proposed document was not disclosed. The Entente is watching every move Constantine makes. It is known that the Central Powers have promised him their full support if he casts his lot with them, and it is feared by the Allied authorities that the temptation may prove too great.

SEEKING SOLUTIONS OF GREEK PROBLEMS (Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Foreign Office today stated that the British Government was consulting with Great Britain's Allies in an effort to reach a radical solution of the Greek problem.

CANEA, CRETE DECLARES AGAINST CONSTANTINE (Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 11.—A despatch to La Liberté from Canea, Crete, says the inhabitants of that city held a largely attended meeting and passed a resolution declaring for the demerit of King Constantine and denouncing him as a traitor to his country for having turned the arms of Greece against the sons of the liberator of the nation and the guarantee of its independence. The monarch was denounced for having, it declared, diplomatically tried to impose a policy contrary to the traditions, interest and aspirations of Greece. The soldiers, the despatch adds, tore the crowns from their uniforms and sang patriotic songs.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF WAR SITUATION

(Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—Hungarian and German troops fighting on the Centre of the line in Roumania have emerged from the swamp lands of Jalomita river and made a crossing of the stream of Noreteceans about midway between Bucharest and the important railroad junction town of Buzé. The invaders lie 35 miles of plains with no more rivers to cross until Buzé itself is reached. Despite heavy rains and soggy ground the forces of the Teutonic Allies all along the front in Roumania continue to make progress. Roumanian attacks which had held the invaders in the Ploesti region have now been broken according to Berlin. Several thousand additional Roumanians have been made prisoners. In the fighting in the eastern Carpathians, along the Moldavin front Russian attacks have all been repulsed, says the Berlin war office. Considerable heavy fighting has again taken place in the Cerna River region of Serbia. Both the Berlin and Bulgarian war offices report the repulse of strong Entente Allied attacks in this sector, Berlin, asserting that French and Serbians suffered sanguinary losses. However, an advance of several hundred yards against the Teutonic Allies west of Suhodol, northeast of Monastir, is reported by the Serbian General Staff while the French official communication records the pushing forward of the Entente lines about 80 miles near Vuklar.

ON WESTERN FRONT. Artillery actions and small engagements continue to prevail on the western front, in France and Belgium, and in the Austro-Italian theatre. Quiet prevails in Russia. The Greek situation remains tense. Conferences between Entente Allies in an endeavor to reach a radical solution of the problem are in progress, according to announcement of the British foreign office. Unofficial report says a revolution has been started in Cyclades Island in the Aegean sea. GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH. A speech by the German Imperial Chancellor at opening of Reichstag Tuesday is being awaited in Germany with much interest. The speech, it is said will be the most remarkable since the outbreak of the war and of world wide historical importance.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIGHTING IN WEST

Surprise Attacks by Allied Troops Have Good Results. In Monastir Heavy Fighting Prevails Hampered by Bad Weather. Fighting in Belgium.

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 11.—A bulletin from the War Office tonight says: Violent artillery fighting occurred during the day in the region of Ville au Bois, northwest of the Reims and Douaumont sector. A surprise attack on the enemy trenches in Le Prete Wood west of Pont, a moushon gave good results. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front. ARMY OF THE EAST.—On Dec. 10th, attacks by Allied troops in the sector north of Monastir were hampered by bad weather. Germano-Bulgarians made desperate resistance. The struggle was particularly spirited at Hill 104 where a height attacked by Russians changed hands several times. Near the village of Vuklar the French advanced about 80 metres. On the rest of the front rain and mist have caused suspension of operations. A Belgian communication reads: North of Dixmude and also in the region of Steenstraete there have been reciprocal bombardments. Nothing of particular importance has occurred on the whole front. British aeroplanes also attacked military works at Bussels, Oudenarde and Louvain train traffic has been impeded as a result of the air raids. (Special to the Guardian.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—An official statement from British Headquarters in France tonight reads: Last night we carried out successful raids east of Neuville St. Vaast and southeast of Armentieres destroying machine gun emplacements and taking prisoners. An attempt by the enemy to raid east of La Boutellierie failed. Working parties were dispersed by our fire. During the past twenty-four hours artillery trench mortars on both sides have been active in the Loos areas and Ypres. In the sector north of the Ancre and south of the river there has been some hostile shelling of Monquet Farm, on the extreme right of our front.

GERMANS REPULSED IN EAST AFRICA

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—Successful British operations in German East Africa by which the British line of investment was advanced sixty miles along a front of 200 miles, are described in a Reuter's despatch from Niringo. The advance was made from Now Iringa and Kissaki to the coast. In the course of the operations a detached German corps, consisting of seven white officers, forty-seven white soldiers and 240 native soldiers, were captured.

EXPLOSIONS AT PETERBORO, ONT.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) PETERBORO, Ont., Dec. 11.—An explosion caused by spontaneous combustion, in the engine room of the Quaker Oats plant here at 10.30 this morning, blew down the walls of the building burying at least 12 persons and starting a fire that is destroying the entire plant. Twelve employees, all injured, have been taken to the hospital and it is believed that others are buried in the debris and are dead.

ROUMANIANS ANNIHILATE TWO HOSTILE SQUADRONS

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—The stand made by the retreating Roumanian army by Ploesti, in eastern Wallachia, resulted in the driving back of the Teutonic forces a distance of several kilometers, according to a Petrograd despatch relayed in a wireless message from Rome today. In the course of the Roumanian attack two hostile squadrons are said to have been annihilated. A howitzer, three Maxim guns and 400 cattle were among the booty taken.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last night, His Worship the Mayor, Health Officer McMillan and Councillors McNevin, Jenkins, McKenzie, Wright, Miller and Rattray present. After the regular routine business had been transacted a delegation from the Children's Aid Society, consisting of Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Rev. Maurice McDonald and Rev. R. G. Fulton was received and invited to address the Council. Rev. Dr. Fullerton introduced the delegation. They represented, he said, a society that had dealt with thousands of cases among children during the past year and was deeply interested in the moral condition of the City and especially of its children. In this matter the delegation felt that the City Council was equally interested. The moral condition of the City stood high and compared favourably with that of most cities, nevertheless it was felt that there were many glaring defects which, with the machinery at the disposal of the Council, could be remedied. There were three matters to which, on the suggestion of the society, they desired to direct the attention of the Council and to ask for its assistance, namely the admittance of young children to the picture theatre unattended by parents or guardians; the roaming of the streets by young girls at late hours, and the cigarette habit among boys. There were laws governing each of these and they asked the Council to enforce them. If these laws were enforced, the Society felt that, with the aid of their agent, much good could be done. At a meeting of the Children's Aid Society that afternoon it was suggested that the council should enforce the curfew law, which had never been repealed; to raise the age limit for children allowed on the streets at night from 14 as prescribed by the present by-law to 16 and to enforce the by-law with reference to the sale of cigarettes to minors. Father Maurice McDonald and Rev. R. G. Fulton followed each strongly emphasizing the advisability of enforcing the laws referred to. Mr. Fulton stated that the Society had anticipated the fact that the question of expense would be raised by the Council. In this connection he would suggest that as the principal reforms which would be necessary only two or three hours every evening, the Council might appoint special police for these hours until the children were taught that they must keep off the streets at unseemly hours. His Worship expressed his pleasure in meeting the delegation, assured them of the sympathy of himself and the Councillors in the good work they were promoting, and their willingness to co-operate with them in raising the moral status of the community. He expressed some doubt as to the efficacy of the curfew law which some time ago had become a laughing stock. He thought if the ladies of the City would undertake the curfew duties they could make a success of it; the men could not. He occurred in all they said with reference to the running at large of young girls on the streets at night and the evils of the cigarette habit among boys and both he and the Council would do all in their power to bring about a reform.

REGULAR MEETING OF EAST SIDE TOWN COUNCIL

The regular monthly meeting of the Summerside Town Council was held last night, the Mayor, the Recorder, the Health Officer, and all the Councillors present. The usual monthly bills were disposed of and ordered to be paid. The minutes were read from Mr. Gaffney and other residents of Upper Central St. asking for the extension of the sewerage system to the stand pipe. The petition was referred to the Board of Water and Sewerage Commissioners. A communication was read from Mr. G. P. Grady, asking for a renewal of his billiard and pool license which expires at the end of the year. The renewal was granted. A communication from the Dominion Government enclosing copy of the Order in Council re high cost of living was read. The communication was laid on the table for further consideration. The Health Officer reported that the health of the town was fairly good, there being no contagious diseases. The matter of appointing a successor to the late Dr. Black as meat and milk inspector, was discussed and the appointment offered to Dr. Church, who formerly practiced in Summerside and had lately returned wounded from the front. It is understood that the appointment will be accepted. A couple of quotations were received on a stone crusher and the matter was discussed in committee. Reports of the different committees were read and approved. Council adjourned till 26th inst. —C.

LOYD GEORGE INVITES MEMBERS' CO-OPERATION

(Canadian Press Despatch.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—Premier Lloyd George has sent the following to all members of the House of Commons it was announced officially today: "The King has entrusted me with the task of forming a government. I have carried out the commands. I have hoped to make a statement to the House on Tuesday. I now find it to be impossible. "On Tuesday Mr. Bonar Law, as leader in the House, will move adjournment till Thursday. "The one pre-dominant task before the government is the vigorous prosecution of the war to a triumphant conclusion. I feel confident the government can rely on your support, as long as they devote their energies effectively to that end."

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. **Come to the Bean Supper in Union Road Hall this Wednesday evening. 3364. **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.—The Annual Meeting of The J. H. Judson Fox Ranching Co., Ltd., will be held at J. H. Judson's, Alexandria on December 19th at 1 o'clock p. m. Pope Noy, Secretary-Treasurer. 3338-12-11M21. **THE McDONALD Women's Institute will meet at the Consolidated School on Thursday, December 14, at 7 p. m. There will be a demonstration in sandwiches made by a band and welcoming citizens wanted. No definite action was taken. Informal understanding that all that was necessary was for the Mayor to issue instructions to the police to enforce the laws. Coun. Rattray here brought up the matter of receptions to returned soldiers. This question also was thrashed out at considerable length all the Councillors expressing regret at the failure to properly welcome the last two soldiers who returned and suggesting ways and means by which such regrettable neglect should be avoided in future. His Worship stated that up to last June or July he had always been notified from St. John or Halifax of the intended return of soldiers and necessary arrangements.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK

(Special to the Guardian.) PARIS, Dec. 11.—The French steamer Philippe, of 3,419 tons has been sunk, according to a despatch to Havas Agency from Havre. The despatch adds that two of the crew were killed while the vessel was being shelled. The Capt. and five members of the crew have just arrived at Havre.

CONDENSED ADS. TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TWO CENTS per word each insertion for advertising in this column. Cash must accompany order. SAUSONOME SAUSAGES MADE fresh every day from selected young pork Sausages, selected & Co., Market Building 2248-9-25M6mos. TO LET.—COMFORTABLE ROOM with all modern conveniences. Centrally located. Apply at this office. 3183-11-21M1. AUCTION SALE OF LUMBER NEAR Hazelbrook Station five acres of standing timber in lots suitable for boards or shingles. Near saw mill. See handbills. W. E. Smith. 3352-12-12M31pd. WANTED—A THOROUGHLY RELIABLE man as head shipper in Wholesale Grocery House. Experienced man preferred. Splendid opportunity for right man. References required. Apply Box 133 Charlottetown 3360-12-12M31. STRAY HEIFER—THERE HAS been on my premises since Oct. 12th a heifer, color black and white, 12 years old. Not claimed before Dec. 15th she will on that date be sold by public auction on my premises, Wallace McKinnon, Fredericton. 3355-12-12M1pd. Minard's Liniment Cures Diptheria

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS REPULSED BY ITALIANS

(Special to the Guardian.) ROME, Dec. 11.—Surprise attacks by Austrians on Carso front on Saturday and Sunday were repulsed by Italians, says today's War Office announcement. The reports record the beating off of forces which attacked in the coastal region. The statement follows: In Trentino persistently bad weather hampered military operations on Carso. During Saturday and Sunday night's attacks upon Hill 20 and Hill 144, enemy troops attacked our positions in the coastal sector. They were driven off with material losses leaving prisoners in our hands.

CONFESSED BOMB PLANTER WILL GIVE EVIDENCE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Specific admissions by the defence yesterday were said to have paved the way for appearance today on the witness stand of Louis J. Smith, confessed bomb planter, by whose testimony the Government expects to connect Consul-General Franz Bopp and six others of the personnel or employ of the San Francisco German consulate, indicated with violations of American neutrality, with exploits alleged to have been directed at property and ships of the Entente Allies. Besides Consul General Bopp, Baron von Schack, Baron Lt. Geo. von Bricken, C. S. Crowley, a detective Mrs. Margaret Cornell, his secretary and Smith are on trial in the Federal Court. The seventh person indicated is Johannes Van Kootbergen, who is beyond extradition in Canada. Smith is said to have been promised immunity in return for his revelations to the prosecution. Yesterday's session was occupied principally by witnesses whose testimony apparently was intended to preface that of Smith and his wife who accompanied him to Seattle and Tacoma, Wash., when he was in the employ of the consulate. Code messages sent from Crowley at Tacoma to Mrs. Cornell were read to the jury. These messages were sent on May 30, 1915, the day after a large load with dynamite in transit to the Russian Government at Vladivostok was blown up in Seattle harbor. Attorneys for the Government declared one of these messages referred to the failure of Smith to place a bomb aboard a munition ship at Tacoma and asked whether he should repeat the attempt at Victoria, B. C., and the other to the Seattle exposition. The defence however, placed a different construction upon them. More than a hundred persons who had been subpoenaed were expected to be excused from testifying because of the attempt of Smith to obtain a writ of habeas corpus. The United States District Attorney Preston said he precludes the necessity of establishing certain details through direct testimony. For the most part these admissions had to do with the whereabouts of Smith and his activities up to a specified time.

A BEAUTIFUL CANTATA SPLENDIDLY RENDERED

Baptist Church Crowd'd Last Evening when the Christmas Cantata "The Everlasting Light" was Sung.

The Christmas cantata, "The Everlasting Light" given by the choir of the Charlottetown Baptist Church in that edifice last evening was the finest thing in the way of Sacred musical entertainment heard in this city for a long time. The church, which was most tastefully and artistically decorated in the festive adornings of flowers and garlands and a resplendent illumination of Bethlehem's star, was crowded. The cantata was a splendid arrangement of Biblical texts and hymns bearing on the subject of the nativity of the Redeemer, with elaborate musical settings for solo and chorus. The choir of the Baptist Church deserves no small meed of praise for their able presentation of this beautiful cantata, and everyone was delighted with the very effective rendition of the different numbers and the expression so well brought out in each. The programme was in two sections. Part I consisted of a chorus "Gloria"—from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, magnificently rendered, a solo by Rev. Mr. Littlejohns, so well done as to call forth an encore; a solo from Handel's Messiah, "He Shall Feed His Flock," by Mrs. S. H. Henderson, and "Come Unto Me," by Miss Blanche Boyver, both very sweetly sung. Mr. Charles Earle also contributed a solo which revealed a voice of quite wonderful power, clear and true. Miss Lillian Earle's rendition of the "Rosary" by Nevill was also very pleasing. Part Two, the cantata proper, opened with an organ prelude followed by a bass solo and chorus, "Break Forth into Joy," the solo being taken effectively by Dr. Yeo. A soprano obligato "Break Forth into Joy," by Miss Blanche Boyver, was splendidly rendered. "He Shall Feed His Flock," a quartet by Miss Boyver, Mrs. Henderson, Dr. Yeo, and Mr. W. B. Duffy brought out with fine effect the excellent voices of these singers. The "Virgin Lullaby" solo, by Mrs. Henderson with accompanying chorus was a musical gem, and the duet, "Come unto Me," by Mrs. Henderson and Mr. Quigley was a brilliant and unusual number. Worthy of special note was the vocal solo "And There Were Shepherds" by Mrs. (Rev.) C. R. Freeman who was heard with great delight. She has a voice of wonderful clearness of tone and rare beauty. The chorus work in general was of a high order and reflects great credit not only upon the choir, but also upon Mrs. Freeman who bore the bulk of the burden of training them, and also Miss Lillian Earle, who arranged the arrangements, have been highly creditable. Prof. Earle who is the trainer of the choir has developed a very efficient musical organization. Already numerous requests have been made to have the cantata repeated.

BRITAIN STOPS CHRISTMAS CARDS TO UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A special cable to the World from London, says: There will be a large reduction in the Christmas mail from England to the United States in consequence of the Defence of the Realm regulations forbidding transmission to neutral countries or other pictorial representations. There is no protesting against the regulations except from a number of food parents who will be unable to send to relatives in the United States photographs of the newest additions to their families, which have been above the average lately. Mrs. Max's daughter of John Redmond, the Irish leader, tried to send to her sister in New York, photographs of bounding twins which recently augmented the Green household, but the censor returned the photographs.

AIR SERVICE OPEN AGAIN.

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The naval service department announces that there is again an opening for recruits for the Royal Naval Air Service. There have been several hundred commissions granted to Canadians who have enlisted for this service but the demand is still greater than the supply. The service is an especially attractive one offering fullest scope for individual initiative and resource. Volunteers for the service, if they pass the probationary flight officers the qualifying course there takes six months. All applications for entry to the ser-

vice should be addressed to the Naval Secretary, Department of the Naval Secretary, Department of the Naval Secretary, Department of the Naval Secretary, Ottawa, from whom full details as to qualifications can be obtained. Arrangements have been made with the militia department to permit of the transfer of unattached and supernumerary militia officers to the air service.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 12.—Strong easterly to southerly winds, with sleet and rain today, followed at night by northerly wind, and colder again. The highest temperature yesterday was 31 degrees. At 9 a. m., it was 29 and at 9 p. m. 26. The coldest the previous night was 26. The tide will be high this afternoon at 1.10 and tomorrow at 1.47; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.04 and Thursday at 12.45. The sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.15; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.34 and Thursday at 7.35. The moon rises this evening at 7.13. The moon was full on Dec. 9th at 8.44 p. m. The last quarter of the moon will be on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2.06 p. m. The length of today will be eight hours and forty-two minutes. Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria