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PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED BY KING

Constantine Throws Down Gauntlet to the War Party in Greece, and Calls for a New Election Next Month

London, Nov. 12.—King Constantine has dissolved the Grecian parliament, thereby finally throwing down the gauntlet to the war party. This action evidently followed when he took this radical step, the former Premier Venizelos' refusal to tolerate the Skouloudis' ministry with its "benevolently neutral" leader and its Zaimis members.

In dissolving parliament the king did deliberately what Venizelos had declared he had no power to do inasmuch as, Venizelos claimed, the question of what stand the nation should take toward war was settled six months ago when the country returned him to power.

The king selected December 19 as the date for the elections, a time earlier than had been expected. King presumably was convinced of a satisfactory result from his standpoint from the handful of electors able to cast the ballot now the army is mobilized. In fact, evidences have pointed to a disinclination on Venizelos' part to force the people again to go on record. It had been believed here that he felt, in a final show-down, the people might remain loyal to the king.

The former premier's course is being watched anxiously here, however, for it is felt among diplomats that if he rouses the people against the king a revolution is probable.

Events in Grecian political affairs have turned with kaleidoscopic swiftness and variety in the past few months.

Venizelos, forced out once, appealed to the nation on a platform frankly pro-ally and pro-war. He was returned. Again a show-down came, and Venizelos resigned with his cabinet, though his henchmen still retained the upper hand in parliament.

Zaimis was named premier and a new cabinet was chosen. The Venizelists forced Zaimis out. The king chose Skouloudis as premier, a man frankly sympathetic with the allies and "benevolently neutral" toward them, but not so partisan as Venizelos. Behind him was the same cabinet personnel, with one exception, as the Zaimis ministry.

The Venizelos opposition apparently continued. Hence, likely, the king decided on this final step of dissolution and an appeal to the nation.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS FOR RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT

Tacoma, Nov. 12.—Nearly two million dollars will be spent in the northwest for improvements by the Oregon-Washington railroad, according to announcement by J. P. O'Brien, vice-president of the company, here today. This big expenditure, which is being made in part for the Union Pacific alone, but the bulk of it for the O.-W. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line railroads, was declared by railroad men as the best indication of recent months of the certain improvement of general business conditions.

O'Brien said that orders had been given for fifty million feet of lumber for ties, costing approximately \$400,000, to be supplied in the northwest.

LINOTYPE OPERATOR HEIR TO FORTUNE

Salem, Nov. 12.—James Murray, a linotype operator, is heir today to \$50,000, part of the estate of an uncle who died on the Isle of Man recently.

SERBIAN ARMY IS FLEEING BEFORE ITS CONQUERORS

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Nov. 12.—Spreading their clutches after the fleeing Serbs, the Teuton armies have captured 1,700 more prisoners, making a total of 5,700 reported in two days.

Today's official announcement told of this capture, along with 11 cannon, in the Ribard district northwest of Nish.

The main army of the hard-pressed Serbians is racing for freedom to the valleys and defiles of the western Morava.

One Austro-German body of troops has crossed the mountains 45 miles northwest of Ribard; another has driven southeast in the Rasina valley, trying to get between the Serbs and their haven of refuge—Montenegro.

WHITE STAR LINER CREW IN DEATH ZONE

New York, Nov. 12.—Steaming their way toward Naples, the White Star liner Cretic, with 1,038 passengers, and the Lloyd Italian liner Caserta, with 1,200 others, were thought today to be in the "death zone" where the Italian liner Ancona met her fate before an Austrian submarine torpedo.

GLENDALE SIGNS MUCH ACREAGE FOR SUGAR BEETS

The beet acreage committees are doing great work these days, and if perseverance and energy will get anywhere, the requirements of the factory builders will be met. Today Messrs. Bramwell, Dr. Macy and J. H. Williams are in the Provolt district, this being the first visit in the Williams country. Mr. Williams is especially taking up with the farmers in the upper Applegate and Williams valleys the question of transportation, it being the intention to establish a truck line if enough beets are planted there to justify it. Rousing meetings were held at Glendale, the farmers there being much enthused over the project. Upwards of 200 acres were signed up at that place, and more will be added before the week is over. The local committeemen are much encouraged over the prospect and state that if there is no let up in the effort or the enthusiasm the factory will be a sure go. Some of our people are now giving their entire time to the move and all the citizens respond in the right spirit when called upon. As it is necessary for the committees to visit some of the districts several times, and the services of Mr. Bramwell being required in so many instances, the work can not be closed up Saturday night.

ILLINOIS STEEL PLANT WILL BE ENLARGED

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Gary, Ind., Nov. 12.—Three thousand men will share in Gary's new prosperity, it is estimated, as a result of the Illinois Steel company's proposal to enlarge its vast works here at a cost of \$7,500,000.

PRESIDENTIAL BEE BUZZING FOR BRYAN

Meridian, Miss., Nov. 12.—That former Secretary Bryan was after the presidential nomination next year is believed here from guarded statements from J. M. McBeath, chairman of the state democratic committee, and Judge Cochran, prominent democrat. They hinted Bryan already is planning to capture the state delegation in the national democratic convention and that he will seek the support of prohibition and suffrage advocates.

ALLIES PUSH THROUGH TO AID SERBS

Bulgarian Troops Offering Strong Resistance to Advance of British and French Along a Sixty-Mile Front

Bucharest, Nov. 12.—Pushing their way obstinately to the aid of Serbia, the allies, advancing from the coast, have met strong resistance from the Bulgars along a 60-mile front from Veles to southeast of Strumitza. The Bulgars' efforts to check the invaders, however, have been vain.

The allies occupied Gradsko, and the French artillery clipped off men and silenced guns, clearing the way for the oncoming of the British-French infantry and cavalry.

The Bulgar retreat northeast of Veles verged into a rout with heavy losses. Meantime the allies are receiving constant reinforcement from Saloniki.

Bulgarian dead lay in heaps at many points. They have had but little time to cover them with even a layer of earth.

In the north the Teutons are pressing their invasion, but, as a year ago, they are meeting with difficulty from fighting in the mountains, known intimately to the Serb defenders and affording them a protection and at the same time leaving the invaders largely at their mercy.

Several thousand new allied troops were rushed toward Serbia from Saloniki today to augment a force which is now growing to menacing proportions.

ONLY ONE SEAMAN SAVED FROM TORPEDOED SHIP

London, Nov. 12.—The British steamer Rhineland, of 1,500 tons, has been sunk by a submarine and only one seaman has been accounted for. The locality of the attack was withheld.

FORMER AUSTRIAN CONSUL AT SAN FRANCISCO IS NAMED IN SCANDAL

Washington, Nov. 12.—Dr. Josef Gorickar, former Austrian consul at San Francisco, was accused in an Austrian embassy statement today of plotting with Russian and Serbian agents, intent on disseminating disloyalty among Austro-Hungarian emigrants.

This statement was issued in response to the Providence Journal's publication today of a story in which Gorickar was quoted as saying that the country is honeycombed with German and Austrian spies, directly under German Ambassador von Bernstorff and Austrian Consul General Nuber of New York. Moreover, Gorickar charged that every Austro-Hungarian consulate in the country is "a hot bed of propaganda for the destruction of munition factories, for the creation of strikes among labor men working in such factories and for every act of violence that is being committed here having these objects in view."

Perhaps the most striking claim was that the naval attaché of the Austrian embassy at Washington sought last year, when Gorickar was stationed at San Francisco, to have him obtain plans of all the fortifications and defenses of San Francisco harbor and the Pacific coast. He claimed, the Journal said, that he was instructed particularly to get every possible detail of the operation activities, machinery contents and

MAY FORCE YOUNG MEN TO BATTLE

England Threatens Conscription Unless More Soldiers Are Enlisted, Need for Troops Being Pressing

London, Nov. 12.—England was confronted today by an official threat of conscription. Her young men must come forward voluntarily before November 30 in answer to the summons "Your King and Country Need You," else Lord Derby, director of the voluntary enlistment system, will take steps to enforce his threat of using "other means" than requests for filling the army ranks.

Moreover, men seeking to shield themselves as in the "married men's class" by weddings since the registration day, August 15, will still be regarded as single men.

Lord Derby has said the single men must volunteer before he would attempt to gather in the married men.

The conscription threat came in a statement from the press bureau, in which Derby said the premier authorized him to express surprise that his announcement in the house of commons of an intention to take the "other means" had been found ambiguous. Then he set forth the pronouncement which caused England today to realize that conscription may be extremely near.

"Lord Derby is authorized to state definitely that if young men medically fit and not indispensable to any business of national importance or any business conducted for the general good of the community do not come forward voluntarily before November 30, the government after that date will take the necessary steps to redeem the pledge made on November 2 (that 'other and compulsory' means would be taken before married men are called on to fulfill their engagement to serve)."

strength of the Bremerton navy yard on Puget sound.

Refusing to get these facts, the paper said, he was transferred in April, 1914, to Berlin and later ordered to Vienna. Instead, fearing that because of his pro-Slavic affiliations he would be imprisoned or killed, according to the paper, he fled to Rome and later resigned.

Von Nuber and the German privy councillor at New York were particularly denounced by Gorickar, who claimed they were engaged in activities daily sufficient to drive them from the country.

The department of justice announced that it would start an immediate investigation of Gorickar's charge that American Correspondent Archibald knew the contents of the papers he carried abroad for Austrian Ambassador Dumba which later caused the American request for the ambassador's withdrawal from this country.

New York, Nov. 12.—German Ambassador von Bernstorff intimated today that he would ignore the Providence Journal's latest "expose" of Teutonic propaganda in America.

"I have nothing to say," he commented, when told of the charges of the former Austrian Consul Gorickar accusing him and the New York Austrian consul general with being the center of a spy system honeycombing the United States.

CABINET HOLDS FIRST MEETING IN MANY MONTHS

Washington, Nov. 12.—Though President Wilson conferred today with his cabinet an hour—the first time in months—it was positively stated that the session was not due to any crisis over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona. He will hold the meetings every Tuesday and Friday hereafter, and they promise to be of vital importance.

Because of the conflicting reports in the Ancona case, the cabinet did not take up this question at all today. It was understood that the meeting was given up chiefly to the question of the administration military preparedness program. The president, it was said, presented an outline of his plans.

The president's first message to congress probably will deal almost entirely with the subject of increased appropriations for the army and navy. Meantime, the cabinet has under consideration what steps shall be taken to raise revenues wherewith to supply the large amounts.

The absence of Secretary of Commerce Redfield was at first thought to be due to the difficulties with the president over proposed trade legislation, but this suggestion was swept away with the announcement that the secretary is in Georgia.

REVISED LIST GIVES 6 DEAD IN KANSAS TWISTER

Great Bend, Kas., Nov. 12.—Six dead stood today as the revised total from the terrific twister which ploughed through here Wednesday night. In addition three dangerously hurt persons were in hospitals.

Great Bend handled its own relief work, asking no outside aid. A relief committee sought funds from citizens, and the response brought forth more offers of homes for the homeless than are needed.

With the water and light supply shut off, the town has been forced to carry its water from wells and to do its reading by candlelight. Water is expected to be in the mains tonight.

Many strange freaks of the twister were reported today. Under-Sheriff Duncan saved himself by holding to the roots of a rose bush. John Brown tried to out-distance the tornado in his six-cylinder auto, but it beat him to it and bowled over the car, slightly injuring the occupants.

ALLIES HAVE NOW GAINED FOOTHOLD IN SOUTHERN SERBIA

Monastir, Serbia, Nov. 11 (Delayed).—The allies are firmly established in southern Serbia.

Monastir, Priep and the surrounding region were in imminent danger for a time from the Bulgars, but the French saved these points when they recaptured Veles.

Large numbers of Austria's Croatian and Dalmatian subjects who sympathize with the Serbs are deserting their cause and are flocking to the Serbs' standard.

The Kaiser, extending his congratulations to the Bulgars for their success in capturing Nish, referred to the Serbs as a "band of brigands." The Teutons know at least that the Serbs fight with the ferocity of "brigands."

American doctors escaped from the town of Uskub before the Bulgars arrived there. They are due here tonight after taking a roundabout route through Albania. That the Bulgars detained Lady Paget is confirmed.

OVERTURES FOR PEACE BY XMAS

David Starr Jordan, Delegate of International Congress, Visits Pres. Wilson With a Plan for Neutral Nations

Washington, Nov. 12.—Definite overtures toward peace from a group of leading neutral nations will be made by Christmas, Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Leland Stanford Junior university, predicted today. This optimistic statement followed a visit by Jordan to President Wilson in the capacity of delegate from the International Peace congress at San Francisco to urge the chief executive to join in creating a neutral nations' commission to further peace.

On December 14 peace delegates from the leading neutrals will meet in Berne, Switzerland. From this session, Jordan said, is expected to develop a commission of quasi-official delegates from neutral countries who would address a mediation proposal to the belligerents.

He expressed the personal belief that regardless of America's action toward the proposal the other countries would act any way.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, chancellor of Stanford university, asked President Wilson today if the United States would unite with other neutrals in a request to establish a peace commission to end the war on the basis of international justice. What the president answered was not learned.

Jordan's advices were interpreted as being definite overtures from many neutrals, who possibly were inspired by belligerents.

Jordan, recently delegated by the International Peace conference as its spokesman, said after seeing the president:

"I merely called the president's attention to our desire that he cooperate with these neutrals in establishing a body to unite on continuous efforts toward conciliation. The commission would act as a sort of clearing house on peace ideas. In a war like this political leaders must save their own faces. All the belligerents want peace, but do not say so until they tell others than their enemies."

The commission's idea was formulated in the San Francisco convention. Formal approval of such a plan has been received from Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, Norway and Spain. If it is formed, Jordan would suggest that it meet at The Hague, Copenhagen or Berne about Christmas.

"This would be a fitting and effective time for such a concave," he commented.

An informal meeting of peace advocates from neutral nations will be held December 14 at Berne to take preliminary steps toward accomplishing the aims of the International Peace congress.

Jordan added that if the commission is successful in ending the war, it would be maintained to work for everlasting peace.

"Even if it shortened the war by only a day," he said, "it would pay for itself a thousand times."

The commissioners from the neutral nations have no way of binding their home countries, hence their activities are informal.

PREMIER'S DAUGHTER WILL WED NOVEMBER 20

London, Nov. 12.—Violet Aquith, the premier's daughter, will wed Maurice Bonham Carter, November 20.