

BRITISH KEEPING CLOSE TO SALONKI

Central Powers Believed to Be Planning Momentous Move in Balkans.

SERBIANS STILL LOSING

Austrian Submarine Activities in Adriatic Make Italian Efforts to Send Aid Perilous—Trains to Constantinople Near.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 8.—(Special Cable)—It is believed that along the lines of the Corca and Vardar rivers, threatened by the Bulgarians who have been released by the collapse of the Serbian resistance, the contact with the British forces has so far been reported. Apparently these forces are keeping close to Salonki.

The advance of the German and Austrian forces in Macedonia and Albania continues, resulting in further losses to the scattered Serbians. Occasional reports still come of possible aid to the Serbians from the Italians by way of Durazzo and Avlona, but Austrian submarine activities in the Adriatic are making this perilous, and it is believed here there is not much chance that Italy will become involved.

Formal announcement is made that the famous Oriental Express from Berlin to Constantinople will resume its service January 1. There will be two trains a week each way with sleepers and diners. Following the trail of the German advance, the express will leave Berlin at 8:15 A. M. and arrive in Constantinople at 2 P. M. the next day. Returning, it will leave Constantinople at 11 P. M. and arrive in Berlin at midnight the next day. More trains are to be put in service later.

Announcement also is made that Germany and Austria have bought \$2,400 carloads of grain in Roumania.

SERBIANS STILL ARE PURSUED

Berlin Reports Also That Bulgars Are Driving French Back.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—(By wireless to Bayville, N. Y.)—Bulgarian army headquarters report that the Bulgarian detachment advancing from Krusovo against Ochrida has been driven back through Cornavoda, Besocan and Veloz, about 10 miles north of Lake Ochrida, says the Overseas News Agency.

The whole population of Monastir is announced, enthusiastically greeted the victorious troops of occupation. In Euboea, Austro-Hungarian prisoners were found who had been 10 days without bread. Eighty of them were in a serious state and required medical attention.

Bulgarian troops continued to pursue the fleeing French along both banks of the Vardar, an official statement says. "Bulgarians occupied Niha after defeating the Serbians in the Niha Mountains. Other Bulgarian troops marched against Ochrida north of Niha. After a stubborn battle they occupied strongly fortified positions near Medova and Miramarc. They are continuing the advance against Ochrida.

Other Bulgarian troops defeated the Serbians in the Jamsa Mountains and occupied Dibra, an official statement says. They are continuing to pursue the enemy in the direction of Stuga."

ATTACK ON ALLIES BREWING

Bulgarians and Germans Concentrating on Balkan Fronts.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—It is reported that an important Bulgarian force, estimated in some quarters to number as many as four divisions, is being concentrated in the region of Dobran, about half way between Salonki and the northern extremity of the French front, says a dispatch to the Temps from Salonki.

Simultaneously German forces are forming in front of the allies' lines. The German forces, according to the dispatch, are probably the army of General von Gallwitz, which, since the Austro-German army of Field Marshal von Mackensen and the Bulgarian army of General Boychev have effected junction, has been detached from the mass and sent toward the south, while General von Koenigs and General Hoydsieff continue operations against the Serbians and Montenegrins.

AID OFFERED DOMINICANS

United States Would Supervise Finances if Asked to Do So.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—American Minister Hessel at Santo Domingo has been instructed to ascertain whether the Dominican people desire the aid of the United States in rehabilitating the republic's finances through a plan similar to that recently put into effect in Haiti.

The proposal contemplates supervision by the United States of the financial branches of the Dominican government and rehabilitation of the little republic's finances through a foreign loan of \$1,000,000.

Adoption of the proposal for supervision depends entirely on the desires of Santo Domingo.



ABOUT WOMEN.

Owing to their sedentary habits, working women are particularly susceptible to constipation. This may be overcome in most cases by eating an abundance of fruit and drinking a full glass of water half an hour before each meal. A walk of a mile or two each day is also a great help. When this fails take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy and pleasant to take and mild and gentle in their action.

FRENCH CHILDREN INJURED IN THE WAR ZONE.



LITTLE REFUGEES WOUNDED BY SHELL FIRE.

A pitiful sight is this, which is but one of many witnessed throughout France near the fighting lines. Many of the refugees, fleeing for safety from the scene of action, are struck by flying shells and most every other instrument of war during engagements between the French and Germans. Here are seen two youthful victims, a boy and girl, being ministered to by French Red Cross nurses.

LONDON IS CRITICAL

Editors Say President Underestimates War Issues.

DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN "UNEQUAL" AND "CRIMINAL" CONDUCT

Declared Insufficient—Theory of Morals Discussed.

NOTE IS SENT TO AUSTRIA

Where she told her story to Ambassador Page. A report of this conversation reached the State Department recently.

AMERICAN ASKED NOT TO HINDER

The Westminster Gazette appeals to the American people to realize from their own experience what is going on in Europe, and "if unable to help us positive assistance, not to hinder us by asserting the neutral rights of commercial interests to the prejudice of our naval power."

GERMAN NEWS IS RESTRICTED

Only Resume of Wilson's Address Reaches Newspapers Via London.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 8.—The German newspapers received no direct reports on the opening of the United States Congress and President Wilson's address. The possibilities of an independent news service by wireless from the United States are being utilized to the most insignificant extent by the German press. The newspapers were supplied today with a resume of the address, transmitted by way of London, but as yet there has been no comment on Mr. Wilson's declarations regarding intrigue and conspiracy against American neutrality.

The dispatches from London arrived so late that only a few of the newspapers were able to print the bare telegram. Comment on the address, however, presumably will be restricted to a minimum, as in the case of the conviction of the Hamburg-American line officials in New York last week.

WEDNESDAY'S WAR NEWS

THE situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The German and Bulgarian divisions have reached Kenal, on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgarians, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitza.

Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivovalje salient

BILL IS TO BE PUSHED

Chamberlain to Ask Early Action on Land Grant.

OWN VIEWS REPRESENTED

Senator Does Not Know How Administration Will View Measure, Which Gives Railway \$2.50 an Acre for Its Holdings.

SHIP BARS 100 WOMEN

Wives of Canadian Soldiers Unable to Sail for England.

ITALY TO CALL FOR LOAN

War Costs \$500,000,000 in Five Months and Rate Increases.

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CHAMBERLAIN TO ASK EARLY ACTION ON LAND GRANT

The plans of neither the allies nor the Germans are yet quite clear, but apparently the Germans are determined on crushing the force which went to the assistance of the Serbians and which has been and is still being reinforced. The retirement of the allies to Demirkapou has led to the report that they intended to abandon the Balkan enterprise entirely, but the continued landing of troops at Salonki would seem to deny any such intention, while there is a strong military opinion in London that Salonki should be held as a base for future operations in the Near East.

There is little news from other fronts. The Germans have scored a minor success in Champagne where they captured about 500 yards of a French trench, part of which has been regained.

The British have received reinforcements at Kut-el-Amara, where they are making their stand after the retreat from Ctesiphon, and the Italians, who for the past two weeks have been on the offensive, are now engaged in meeting the Austrian counter-attacks.

The expected offensive of the allies in Gallipoli apparently did not materialize, while throughout Russia the wintry weather has put a stop to all but small operations.

Senator Chamberlain explained today that the bill represents his own personal view and that as yet he had had no opportunity to discuss the subject with members of the Cabinet. In fact, he does not know how his bill will be regarded by the Administration.

He believes that his bill will be opposed by the railroad company and by the would-be purchasers not residents on the land. In his judgment, however, he said today that the legislation he suggests is the best solution of the problem and in conformity with the decision of the Supreme Court, as well as being well within the province of Congress. Under his bill the railroad company will get \$2.50 an acre, which, he contends, is all it is entitled to under the decision, and as to the right of Congress to pass such a law, he added that right is conferred by the granting act itself, for in that law Congress specifically reserved the right to "alter, amend or repeal."

Senator Chamberlain said that under his bill agricultural and mineral lands would become subject to taxation as soon as entered and the timber sold under the act would be subject to taxation the minute it was contracted for. We believe, he said, that the land grant counties under his plan would benefit financially under the stipulation that they are to receive 40 per cent of the surplus revenue over \$2.50 an acre.

CASE OF HUMANITY CHAMPIONED

The principles of humanity and justice to Germany are understood to also be called strongly to the attention of the Austro-Hungarian government in a communication. Warning before submarine attacks is insisted upon. While every opportunity is said to be left for an amicable reply, the prevailing opinion usually well-informed official circles that the communication is more vigorous than anything dispatched to Germany while the controversy with that country over the conduct of submarines in warfare was in progress.

No information could be obtained tonight as to whether the United States had determined whether any "misinformation" appeared in the statements of the occurrence which have been issued by the Austro-Hungarian government. The Austrian contention was that a warning shot was fired, that the ship tried to escape and that when she finally came to a stop after being hit several times, 50 minutes were given in which the passengers might have taken to the boats. At the end of that period, it was asserted, another vessel approached and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank at the end of another period of 45 minutes. It was said tonight that boats were fired at, but it was said that some of the loss of life was caused by failure of the commander of the Ancona to act promptly.

ITALY DESIRES WARNING

The Italian statement on the subject alleged that no warning was given before the submarine started shelling the ship, which implied, it was said, that shells were exploded on the decks of the vessel and in the lifeboats, killing and wounding many passengers.

Just how many lives were lost on the Ancona never has been definitely established. It is known that several naturalized citizens were on board on this point, however, have been so conflicting that the State Department never has been able to compile an accurate list. The text of the American note, it was said tonight, will be given out for publication in morning papers of Friday.

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