

CARNAGE OF GREAT MAGNITUDE ASSURED WHEN SPRING OPENS

Allied Conference in Rome Productive of Agreement on an Offensive.

DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED

Representatives of Entente Powers Discuss Means of Striking Hardest at the Enemy at Opportune Time.

Rome, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—Notwithstanding the many measures taken to insure the greatest secrecy about the debates and resolutions of the allied conference, yet enough has transpired to authorize the belief that the spring (and perhaps before) will mark the beginning of a carnage of staggering magnitude that will fill the world with horror.

Besides approving the project of an offensive on an unparalleled gigantic scale on both the French and the Italian fronts, the conference has also resulted in the signature by the delegates of England, France, Italy and Russia of a protocol embodying new military, diplomatic and economic policies which the allies intend to develop the present year.

Prominent parliamentarians who are in close touch with government inner circles state the conference has been most useful in clearing the ground of all the projects which have from time to time cropped up in the allied capitals.

Allied Leaders in Agreement.

As the short official communique issued at the end of the conference says, General Liautaud, French minister of war; General Robertson, English chief of staff; General Sarrail, General Cadorna and General Platziyev, Russian delegate to the conference, all agreed that under the circumstances, the allies should devote their efforts to coordinate the future operations in such way as to leave the enemy no time to prepare a counter offensive.

The future operations on the eastern front were the subject of long debates and careful analysis. According to one report, the conference came to the conclusion that perhaps next year Russia will not be in a position to carry on a successful offensive. The reason is that if Falkenhayn and Mackensen's armies should debouch on the level plains of Bessarabia and threaten Jassy, the Russian defensive will wear out all the new armies Russia is preparing for next summer and practically leave her with only enough men to hold her present lines, whose southern end in all probability will have been withdrawn to the border of Bukovina.

It was in view of this that the English delegates suggested a gigantic offensive on the Italian front as the one that would best benefit the allies. A quick march on the most vulnerable of Teuton capitals, Vienna. Whether General Cadorna and General Foch's minister of war, approved the project is not known. Political circles, however, considered a scheme tending to relieve England her promise to France and Belgium of continuing the offensive till the German lines had been pushed back to the Rhine.

Would Abandon Saloniki.

Additional information on the subject says that the plan of a gigantic offensive on the Italian front was discussed in connection with the Salonki problem. The English delegates were of the opinion that Salonki should be abandoned and the troops and artillery now defending the entrenched camp be transferred to the Italian front and help the Italians carry on their offensive.

The French delegates were radically opposed to any such step, and insisted that Salonki should be retained. In connection with this, it is said that had the conference voted the abandonment of the Balkan expedition, Premier Briard would have resigned forthwith.

General Robertson's reason for advocating the abandonment of Salonki

NEW FACES IN SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS



Above, left to right—Representative Jeanette Rankin of Montana, the first woman to sit in congress; Senator Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota; Peter Goelet Gerry of Rhode Island. Below, left to right—Senator Hiram Johnson of California; Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania; Senator Harry S. New of Indiana.

was that, once the possibility of a juncture between the Roumanian and allied forces no longer existed, the large tonnage required for the transportation of supplies and munitions could be allotted to France and Italy, which are both suffering from lack of cereals and coal, and the artillery turned over to General Cadorna for a speedy march on Libach and thence to Vienna.

The French reply was that the abandonment of Salonki would be as humiliating for France as the evacuation of Gallipoli was for England, and that its moral effect on the French nation would be even more depressing than a military reverse on any of the French sectors.

General Cadorna declined once more the honor of conducting the Balkan expedition with Italian troops which the allies were only too glad to bestow upon him. He explained that, as long as the threat of a Teuton offensive on the Italian front was at the potential stage, he did not deem it wise to disperse his forces. At the same time he opposed the proposal of a complete evacuation of Salonki, on the ground that the disengaged Bulgarian and German forces would eventually be transferred to the Italian and western fronts, and put himself on record as favoring the abandonment of Monastir and every other advanced position, in order to shorten the front, and defend the entrenched camp. The French delegates opposed the abandonment of Monastir on the ground that it would cause a painful disappointment to the Serbian troops, but in the end General Cadorna's point of view was accepted.

PORT OF MISSING MEN CONDUCTED IN LONDON FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

Thousands of Inquiries Answered as to Whereabouts of Australian Soldiers.

New York, March 3.—At 54 Victoria street, in London, there is an office in which a large force of men and women work day and night compiling an enormous card index system, writing letters and dispatching hundreds of telegrams and cablegrams daily. These men and women, many of them persons of wealth, keep thousands of wives and mothers in Australia almost in daily touch with their husbands and sons, whether they be in the trenches on the Somme, in a German prison camp or in a London hospital.

The wonderfully efficient system which has been devised for conducting this "port of missing men," is described in an interview in the New York Tribune by Mrs. Alfred Deakin, wife of the former prime minister of

Australia, who is accompanying her husband on what she characterized as "his first holiday in 35 years."

The office, which is known as the Bureau of Missing and Wounded Australians and which is conducted under the auspices of the Red Cross, is in charge of Miss Vera Deakin, his daughter.

"You'd be surprised at the wonderful work which is being accomplished by this bureau," said Mrs. Deakin. "All of those in it are giving their services gratis. They are doing their bit. It is rather odd to see a wealthy Australian working as a clerk over a card index cabinet, but they move about their work quietly, quickly and as if they enjoy it."

Mothers Seeking News. "Hundreds of letters pour in daily from mothers seeking some news of their boys. A clerk steps to the cabinet, runs quickly through the cards and in a moment the desired information is at hand. A cable informs the mother that her son has been killed or that he is wounded and in a certain hospital. Scouts are sent out to interview the wounded at all the hospitals, especially those just back from the front with the latest news. Other investigators check up from other sources the information obtained and make sure of the facts.

"One day I met one of our boys on the street. He told me he had been ordered to France and would leave the next day. He said he had been trying to get some trace of his brother. 'You go right over there to that office,' I told him. He went, and within an hour he was talking with his brother, who lay wounded in the Widwath hospital. If he had not gone to the bureau he would have had to leave for the front without knowing whether his brother was still living or dead. That is just one of a dozen similar incidents that occur every day.

Thousands of Letters. "My daughter often works until 11 o'clock at night sending off cables. In one month between 2000 and 3000 cables were sent, besides thousands of letters. December, perhaps, was the busiest month as that was the month of the Somme matter."

"In Australia we thought we were such a long way from the war, but when you are made here that the United States way. You are impressed everywhere by the willingness of every one to do his or her bit and with the spirit in which they go about it."

Wilson's Policy Wins In South America
Buenos Aires, March 3.—(U. P.)—Recent news dispatches from the United States indicating that President Wilson's forbearing policy toward Mexico was adopted to some extent in deference to South American public opinion have created an excellent impression in the southern republics.

For the first time since the Mexican situation became acute the admission is being made here that the United States government has been very patient under severe provocation. Whether this view would still be held in the event of fresh threats of intervention in Mexico is doubtful. It is a distinct change, however, from the hitherto generally expressed opinion that North American mistakes and deliberate mischief making were responsible for all the Mexican troubles of the past few years.

Public Buildings Remain Closed. Washington, March 3.—(I. N. S.)—Government officials today made their decision that the public buildings of Washington cannot be opened to inaugural visitors.

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