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## SEND BRITISH TROOPS TO SERBIA

### Premier Asquith Indicates in Speech That the Campaign Against the Dardanelles May Be Abandoned

London, Nov. 2.—The first official hint that the allies may abandon their attempt to force the Dardanelles came from Premier Asquith today in a significant speech in the house of commons.

While defending the campaign to force the defenses of Constantinople, Asquith suggested that "anxious consideration" is being given to the campaign in connection with requisitions for further men in the eastern theater.

By his statement the premier practically admitted that withdrawal from Gallipoli to halt the Austro-Germans in their proposed path across Bulgaria to Constantinople is being seriously considered.

Everywhere his announcement was interpreted as meaning that the government is discussing the matter of concentrating in the eastern theater in a determined effort to check the central allies and to deliver a decisive stroke against them.

The premier's announcement that the allies do not intend to desert their hard-pressed comrades in arms, Serbia, was greeted with a storm of cheers. He followed this statement with a declaration that the purpose of General Joffre's visit to England has been to perfect the allies' new campaign in the Balkans.

"We can not allow Serbia to become the prey of the sinister and nefarious combination between Austria, Germany and Bulgaria," he said. "There is a complete agreement among the allies as to the ends to be pursued in the Balkans. That Serbia may be assured her independence is regarded as an essential object by her larger allies."

"When the allies were reproached for being too late to help Serbia, it must be remembered that to the last we had reason to believe that Greece would acknowledge her treaty obligations and act accordingly."

The premier called the outlook on all fronts very encouraging. He noted that the Germans had not gained a foot of territory in their invasion of France and Flanders since April, and was applauded when he stated that General Niox is within "measurable distance of Bagdad."

"Great Britain's fleet is mistress of the seas," Asquith continued. "The German fleet is locked in the Baltic. Germany dares not show her face anywhere where she can be dealt with. The transport department has carried 2,500,000 troops, and has transported 330,000 sick and wounded with a loss of life less than one-tenth of one per cent. This is a record of which the nation may well be proud."

"The Dardanelles are receiving anxious consideration in connection with large requisitions of men for the eastern theater," the premier said.

"Our financial situation is serious. Though we are rich and resourceful, we can not sustain the present burdens unless both government and individuals exercise the strictest economy."

"I have not the least fear that it will be necessary to proceed beyond Lord Derby's voluntary recruiting scheme, but I am determined to stop at nothing. I am determined that we shall win this war. Sooner than not win it, I would not hesitate to propose some form of compulsory enlistment."

Apparently in answer to talk of a

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## FOOD PRICES IN BERLIN ASCEND TO HIGH FIGURE

BERLIN FOOD PRICES

Roast Beef	35c pound
Roast Veal	40c pound
Veal Cutlets	58c pound
Pork	49c pound
Ham	65c pound
Bacon	58c to 61c pound
Butter	58c to 61c pound
Eggs	5c each

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Berlin, Oct. 15 (By Mail).—Berlin faces the need for milk cards.

Housekeepers, however, were not so much worried by this as by the mysterious 10 pfennig (two cents) weekly rise in the price of foodstuffs.

For in the past two months food prices have soared skyward. A few months ago a bread scarcity was feared. As a preventative bread cards originated. With these each housewife could get a stipulated amount of bread. Then when milk began to get scarce milk cards were suggested. From the fact that whipped cream is forbidden in Austria-Hungary, from the rising price of butter and from the milkman's unwillingness to increase deliveries, these new cards are likely.

Should they be issued, only families with children will be allowed to get good supplies, however. The usual family will still note a scarcity.

While milk is scarce the price of butter has soared with it. Three cents a pound was added in the past week and even cooking butter commanded a price of from 50 to 54 cents.

Considering the scarcity of pork fat (lard), so abundant in America at 10 to 15 cents, American housekeepers can understand what it means to pay five times that amount for one article every meal.

In both Austria and Germany the prices of foodstuffs have been increasing rapidly since spring.

The German people economically, however, are better off than the Austrians. The people believe that as soon as Bulgaria and Turkey are in direct communication with Germany prices will be lower, because these nations are reported to be stocked with foodstuffs.

## FUNSTON TO STOP MEXICANS FIRING ACROSS THE BORDER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—General Funston, commanding the United States border forces here, soon after his arrival this morning was informed that General Francisco Villa, severely defeated in his attempt to take Agua Prieta from the Carranzistas, was planning a new assault.

According to information conveyed to Funston, Villa said:

"I must take Agua Prieta, or else my men will starve to death."

"Capture of the city is the only solution to my problem. I did not attack as heavily as possible last night and early this morning because I believed the tent colony of Agua Prieta, housing Carranza refugees, was on American soil. Really it is 300 yards south of the border. When it comes to firing hereafter, I will shoot my cannon any place I want to."

It was learned here that Funston is contemplating an order for an exodus of American women from Douglas in anticipation of American interference in Mexico and a clash with Villa. While Funston made no reference to the shelling of Douglas last night, it is known a repetition of last night's affair would not be permitted by him.

## BOLD BANDIT WRITES TO OFFICERS

### John Austin Hooper Eludes Would-Be Captors, and in Letter Says That "Law Made a Bum Out of Me"

John Austin Hooper wants his family to have his goods and chattels now that he is unable to call for them personally and make use of them himself. When he left town a few weeks ago he failed to take all of his baggage with him. It was in charge of the sheriff, and as the sheriff did not happen to have the stuff in his pockets just at the moment, Hooper did not take the time to look elsewhere.

Now a brother of John Austin wants the goods. Prosecuting Attorney Miller has received a letter from G. P. Hall, an attorney at Petaluma, Cal., representing Roy Hooper, a brother of the much-wanted J. A., reciting that Roy Hooper held an order signed by John Austin Hooper, and duly endorsed by witnesses, asking that certain articles, of which an inventory is sent, be forwarded to Petaluma. In the list wanted are one trunk, two suit cases, two travelling bags, a gold watch and chain, with a Masonic charm attached, two pistols, two 22-caliber rifles, a camera, a baseball glove, and various articles of wearing apparel, toilet requirements, etc. All of these things were in Hooper's possession when he was arrested at The Dalles charged with the robbery of the depot at Grants Pass.

Attorney Miller wrote the Petaluma attorney that it would be impossible to send the articles wanted. They would be needed, he said, as exhibits to prove the identity of the fugitive whenever he might be taken into custody by the officers, especially the two guns, which, it is alleged, he had the night he held up the local depot. Therefore the order, even though it bore the signature of the gentlemanly bandit, would have to be dishonored. He could, however, said Mr. Miller, have his property at any time he would present himself in person for it. He may accept the attorney at his word and appear in person some fine day and take the stuff away from the sheriff's office.

But this order for his wares and merchandise is not the only late word that has come from Hooper. There recently came to Barney McShane and Morris Cottrill a letter mailed somewhere between St. Paul and Milwaukee and written by Hooper. The communication was undated and was written upon stationery from a Watertown, S. D., hotel. It read as follows:

"Dear Barney and Morris—Nearly two months ago I made up my mind to write you folks, to let you know things go well with me. Of course I am not of the millionaire class, but neither am I broke."

"Well, I had one — of a trip after leaving Bill (Sheriff Smith of Grants Pass, from whom he escaped). He was a good scout, and I kind of hated to do it, but I hated a whole lot more to fall into Ed Whyte's grip, as I should have in the end. (Whyte is parole officer of Folsom prison.)"

"I was warned by wire from — that a 'dick' was in Shaniko, waiting for me to show up. At one time I was not very far from Shaniko and The Dalles. I should have gone down to Portland and killed that —"

"I found this paper in the bureau drawer. Some drummer swiped it from Watertown, apparently."

"I am working now every day. This doesn't mean that I have been working very long. The law made a bum out of me at Grants Pass, and it was behind their breastworks."

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## SUFFRAGE IS LOSING IN THE EAST

### Early Returns Indicate That the Woman's Cause Will Be Defeated in Both New York and Massachusetts

New York, Nov. 2.—Suffrage went down to defeat in the empire state today, according to early returns. Political experts said the late returns probably would show the "cause" trailing.

New York, Nov. 2.—The first election district to report here showed 110 for suffrage and 128 against.

Boston, Nov. 2.—Suffrage seemed doomed this afternoon in the land of sacred cod—on the face of meager early returns. Norwell, complete, showed the proposal to give votes to women buried worse than two to one, while four other towns reporting early rolled up heavy majorities against it too.

Early figures gave the republicans hopes of electing a governor for the first time in six years.

As the returns piled in, the defeat of woman suffrage seemed more apparent.

McCall, republican, continued to make important gains over his vote of two years ago, and if his ratio continues he will be elected governor.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Nov. 2.—The election of B. H. Schnell, republican, to congress from this district by a plurality of 10,000 over his democratic opponent was indicated by early returns tonight. The district has been republican.

Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 2.—Suffrage was defeated here by 3,500 majority, it was estimated late this afternoon.

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## VILLA, DEFEATED, WILL RETURN TO ATTACK ON CALLES

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—Defeated, but still defiant, General Francisco Villa at noon today declared he would reorganize his shattered army immediately and return to the attack on Agua Prieta.

The retreat of Villa's main column has been halted several miles east of Agua Prieta. A herd of 500 cattle, found on the Mexican side of the line, was confiscated by the Villistas, butchered and the beef devoured half-cooked by the ravenous soldiers. This temporarily relieved the hunger problem.

While the Carranzistas were cheering and celebrating their victory, a small infantry column of Villistas returned to the deserted battlefield and took up positions before the city. By this time most of the wounded had been brought in, some being carried, and others limping or hobbling along as best they might.

General Calles, was in his office near the plaza when his officers brought him word that the Villistas were halting a few miles away.

"If Villa returns to the attack," said Calles, "he is insane."

Nevertheless, Calles ordered his garrison to hold itself ready to resume the fight, if need be. He made no attempt to pursue Villa, being content to have his men remain behind their breastworks.

## JOHN BULL SINKS MANY ENEMY SHIPS IN MARMORA SEA

London, Nov. 2.—Two German or Turkish battleships, five gunboats, a torpedo boat, eight transports and 197 supply ships had been sunk or damaged by British submarines in the Sea of Marmora to October 20, Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today.

Defending the Dardanelles enterprise, the premier called the attention of its critics to the fact that the British are holding there 200,000 Turks who, otherwise, might be engaged elsewhere in an offensive against the allies.

At the same time he hinted, however, that some changes in the Dardanelles situation may be necessary. "The Dardanelles," he said significantly, "are receiving anxious consideration in connection with the large requisitions of men for the eastern theater."

Asquith said that Canada had recruited 96,000 men; Australia, 92,000; New Zealand, 25,000; South Africa, 6,500, and the West Indies, 2,000.

## VON BERNSTORFF AND LANSING IN CONFERENCE TODAY

(By United Press Leased Wire.)  
Washington, Nov. 2.—Calling on Secretary of State Lansing for the first time since the liner Arabic case was settled by a German disavowal and offer of indemnity, German Ambassador von Bernstorff said in advance that no important developments of the German-American submarine question were to be taken up.

After a twenty-minute session it was learned that while the Arabic and Lusitania cases were discussed, formal negotiations will not begin for several days. Lansing informed the envoy that the Arabic indemnity claims are not ready for formal presentation.

It was assumed he also told him of the navy department's findings that the liner Hesperian was attacked by a torpedo, not by a mine.

## NO TERRITORY GAINED BY INVADERS SINCE APRIL

London, Nov. 2.—German invaders have gained not a single foot of territory in France and Flanders since April, Premier Asquith today told the house of commons.

He admitted, however, that the British casualties there total 377,000.

## EXPECT SERBIAN ARMY TO RETREAT TO MONTENEGRO

Athens, Nov. 2.—The Serbian situation was regarded today as so critical that it was expected the Serb army would retreat to Montenegro and Albania to concentrate with a view to getting munitions via the Adriatic.

The Bulgar forces were smashing against Nish, the capital. Teutons who captured the mighty arsenal town of Kragujevat are expected to join the attack, unless the defenses of Serbia's war capital are battered down before the Germans can come up.

Russian troops were reported to have landed at Varna, on the Bulgarian Black sea coast.

Allied strategy apparently seeks to place a check in the path of the Teutons eastward, rather than to strike an effective blow while the Teutons are still pressing in Serbia.

## VILLA MEETS DEFEAT AT AGUA PRIETA

### Army of the Rebel Leader Retreats and Soldiers Without Food for Days Desert the Standard of Chieftain

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—Beaten to a standstill by the Carranzista defenders of Agua Prieta, the army of General Francisco Villa retreated to the eastward this morning, leaving 400 dead and wounded on the battlefield.

Villa's army is disintegrating, many deserting in search of food.

Repeated assaults by the Villistas failed. The dense entanglements of barbed wire proved impenetrable. Artillery could not remove these obstacles and Villa's hungry, thirsty legions, after a final desperate attack at 6:30 a. m. fled from the field.

Some time later the general retreat commenced. Just too late to participate in the battle a column of 2,000 Yaqui Indians appeared at 9 o'clock. General Elias Calles, commanding the Carranzistas at Agua Prieta, sent fresh troops into the trenches to oppose them if they attempted an attack.

All Calles' cannon are intact, but many buildings in Agua Prieta have been badly damaged by Villa's shells.

Wounded Villa prisoners in the Carranza hospital declare most of the Villista troops have been without food for two days. Villa, they declare, told them they could easily capture Agua Prieta. They are bitterly disappointed.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 2.—With lead from the Agua Prieta battle spattering over Douglas, daylight today found nine Americans, including four infantrymen of the 7th regiment, wounded as a result of a renewal of General Villa's attack on the Mexican town.

The assault begun by Villa at 1 a. m. today raged with no signs of let up. Bullets from Villa's lines had fallen in every street in Douglas. Some dead Mexicans littered the ground in Agua Prieta, though it was thought the casualties were not extremely heavy.

Up to daylight the commanders of United States troops patrolling the border regarded the situation passively. They had not ordered, as they had threatened, a return of the Mexicans' fire when it rained over Douglas and wounded Americans in its wake.

They seemed to be awaiting the arrival of General Funston, scheduled for today.

Only the lateness of the hour prevented greater American casualties. When the assault began in earnest in the early hours of today Douglas, worn out by its watchful curiosity, or by fear, had tucked itself away for the night. Before the general attack started the Carranzista forces exploded mines before the Villa front, thus impeding the progress of the attackers. Despite this, however, Villistas bravely charged into the Carranzista fire, while forces, believed to be Yaqui Indians, aided them on the west side of Agua Prieta with an attempt to storm the city. One of the first American victims of the fire from across the line was H. K. Jones, letter carrier. Standing before his home watching the flashes of the big guns, he was clipped by bullets.

Still another victim was Corporal Jones of company G, 7th infantry. A fanatic Carranzista rose out of the trenches, yelling "Viva Carranza," at the same time sending a charge from his rifle into the soldier's thighs.

When day broke Carranzistas

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