

SERBIAN ARMY EFFORTS TO STOP ADVANCE VAIN

Wide Turning Move of Bulgarians Threatens Monastir and Prilepe, and Evacuation Inevitable—Germans Fail to Make Gains of Consequence.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—News from the Balkans continues to be a patchwork of unconfirmed rumors and contradictory assertions, without official statements to establish clearly the present status of affairs.

News that the Bulgarian advance southward is proceeding rapidly and has reached a point within a few hours of Monastir is said to have caused consternation in that city, where the population is fleeing to Greek territory.

Monastir in Danger Judging from the size of the Bulgarian forces rushing from Tetovo southward and from the initial success of their turning movement, which has changed entirely the military situation in Southern Serbia, Monastir is in distinct danger.

Little is known of the Serbian situation in the north, except that determined resistance is still being offered by the Serbians against both Germans and Bulgarians, who have made no fresh gains of consequence.

Successes for French In southwestern Serbia successes for the French and British are reported. The Bulgarians are said to have been compelled to retreat on the Vardar front and to have sustained a check at the hands of the British in the Rabrovo sector.

Both England and France have greeted with great enthusiasm the joint war conference held in Paris. It is regarded as marking greater solidarity and more concerted action among the allied armies.

BRITISH SURPRISE ATTACK A FAILURE

BERLIN, by Wireless to Sayville.—British forces attempted a surprise attack yesterday on German positions along the road between Messines, in Belgium, six miles south of Ypres, and Armentieres, to the south of Messines. This attack the war office announced today, failed.

In the Argonne the French made preparations to explode mines. This action was anticipated by the Germans who evacuated the trench menaced by the mines.

The Austro-German forces in Serbia continue to press back their opponents. The war office announced today that the town of Kursumlija had been occupied by German troops after being abandoned by the Serbians.

Several hundred Serbians and a number of cannon were captured by the Germans.

GRAND RAPIDS MAN SUSPECTED OF SPYING

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 18.—Alfred Egbert Wanzburg, formerly of this city, is being detained in England, apparently suspected of being a spy, according to information which reached here today.

AMERICAN ON ANCONA STATES VESSEL SHELLED

Dr. Cecil Greil, Only American Survivor, Directly Contradicts Austrian Report of Sinking of Vessel by Submarine—Bombardment Lasted Forty-five Minutes.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—An affidavit by Dr. Cecil Greil, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner Ancona, directly contradicts the Austro-Hungarian government's official statement that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarine after she stopped.

The text of the message which was sent by American Consul Mason of Algiers follows:

Contradicts Austrian Story "Cecil Greil, intelligent, impartial witness, deposition not conclusive as to whether any effort was made to escape by Ancona. First intimation of danger when she was in dining saloon. Disturbance on deck, stoppage followed shortly by shots which struck vessel. Testimony proves that bombardment lasted forty-five minutes and was continued after vessel had stopped, killing and wounding many persons. She saw destruction vessel by torpedo; saw red and white flag and six calzon on submarine. Knows nothing as to other Americans. Information Algiers and Bizerta considered to demonstrate conclusively that thirteen vessels were sunk from 3d to 7th November by submarines going from Gibraltar toward Ancona."

Waits More Details Secretary Lansing will take no action, however, until information of a more definite character regarding the more essential details is received. Such information is expected by cable from American consuls and possibly from the French government, which is understood to be taking depositions.

The state department considers that Mrs. Greil's charge that the submarine fired on the Ancona after the ship stopped may be taken as conclusive evidence. Whether warning was given still is an open question. Secretary Lansing considers that the evidence on that feature is inconclusive. It was pointed out today that because Mrs. Greil was the only native American survivor of the disaster, much weight would attach to her statement.

Consul Mason will attempt to get more affidavits from citizens of other nationalities, preferably from neutrals.

Flow Austrian Flag

Secretary Lansing is of the opinion that the right of visit and search can be carried out by a submarine without actually placing sailors upon the deck of an intercepted ship, and is a measure to prove the nationality of a vessel. The German government since the early days of the war has demonstrated that a submarine can determine the nationality of a vessel without actually placing members of its crew aboard.

Mrs. Greil's statement of the color of the flag flown by the submarine was taken by officials of the state department as being conclusive evidence that the submarine was flying the naval flag of Austria-Hungary.

NINE BODIES FROM MINE RECOVERED

SEATTLE, Nov. 18.—The force of men working in the wrecked Ravensdale mine of the Northwestern Improvement company, where twenty-two dead miners are yet to be taken out, was doubled today. Slow progress is being made in removing the fallen rock and timbers. Of the thirty-one men killed by a dust explosion last Tuesday, the bodies of nine have been recovered. Clarence Parker, member of the state industrial commission, is in Ravensdale looking after relief of the families of the victims.

OCEAN LINERS LANDING ALLIES AT BALKAN PORT

Busy Scene at Saloniki, Where Anglo-French Reinforcements Are Hourly Debarking—Transatlantic Vessels Used as Transports—Great Fleet of Warships Guard Port.

SALONIKI, Nov. 1 (correspondence of the Associated Press).—The very approach to Saloniki foreshadows the presence of war. The long reach of the Gulf of Saloniki reveals a continuous procession of ships going and coming, and from their standards trail the most unexpected flags—Rumanian, Belgian, Dutch, Russian, Egyptian—all engaged in some way in victualing the foreign troops concentrated on the doorstep of the Balkans.

Huge transatlantic liners, French and British, laden with soldiers, glide toward the harbor, whose entrance is guarded by a common tug metamorphosed into a warship by armor and a gun or two. The warship at the gate of Greece's second port flies the French, not the Greek flag. Each entering vessel is hailed, and while not visited, is requested to give an account of itself before it is permitted to pass the gateway in the steel net whose presence across the narrow is marked by a line of floats.

Scene Animated One Within the harbor whose safety is secured by this net against submarines, the scene is even more animated. Not since the last Balkan war have so many ships gathered before Saloniki. Out in the roadsteads lie French and British warships, and one Italian man-of-war. To defend the interests of Greece, a tiny Greek destroyer hugs the shore, a pigmy among giants of war.

If the harbor of Saloniki is a conglomeration of strange flags and of every class of ship, it is as nothing in comparison with the quays. No Port Said nor Marseilles ever knew so polyglot a babel or saw such a kaleidoscope of costumes.

Bands of British Tommies push their way down the crowded streets. British officers, in hand, sweep the sidewalks from side to side, driving the countless itinerant vendors into the street. French salute Greeks, Greeks salute French. But the British salute only the British.

Cosmopolitan Scene Cosmopolitan as are the inhabitants of Saloniki at any time, they are more so now than ever, increased as the population is by refugees from Serbia, Macedonia and Thrace. Among the permanent inhabitants, to judge from the streets, Turks seem to predominate.

Besides the Greeks, the Jews and the Turks, the quays of Saloniki are picturesque also with bearded Levantines of nondescript nationality that might have stepped from the "Arabian Nights."

When night falls the lights at the mastsheads and in the portholes of the assembled ships spring out. At the docks a huge French transport unloads its cargo of human beings. The shouts of the men and the clank of cranes come across the water without ceasing throughout the night.

At midnight the gates close. The lights in the harbor go out one by one. Patrols of soldiers with bayonets set—French, Greek, British—march up and down the pitch black side streets in search of stragglers.

BRITISH CABINET CHEERED BY FRENCH

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Premier Asquith and his assistants in the British war council, who have been in conference here with their French official colleagues, left today on their return trip to London.

The departing British cabinet members were cheered by crowds of considerable size as the train on which they were passengers pulled out of the station. Nothing has been given out concerning the proceedings of the council, but it is known that the conference resulted in complete accord between the representatives of the two nations on certain diplomatic, military and naval questions.

CZAR AND CZAROVITCH SNAPPED AT FRONT



The assuming of supreme command of all the Russian armies by the czar was marked by a sumptuous military review of Cossack troops from the Caucasus, in which the young czarovitch, fully recuperated from his recent illness, took part. This is one of the first photographs showing the little czarovitch at his father's left.

EXECUTION STAY DENIED HILLSTROM DIES TOMORROW

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 18.—Governor William Spry, with the unanimous concurrence of the state board of pardons, telegraphed President Wilson this afternoon that he would not interfere with the case of Joseph Hillstrom, sentenced to be executed tomorrow for the murder of J. G. Morrison. The governor's telegram was in answer to one received at noon yesterday from the president, requesting a reconsideration of the case.

Arrangements for the execution of Hillstrom have been completed and he will be shot to death tomorrow.

Governor Spry said in his telegram to President Wilson, declining to interfere further in the Hillstrom case, that he is satisfied the president's request is based on a misconception of the facts or that there is some reason of an international nature that a further postponement at this time would be an unwarranted interference with the course of justice, and that, mindful of the obligations of his oath of office, he cannot and will not lend himself or his office to such interference.

Hillstrom had not been advised of Governor Spry's action at 3:30 this afternoon. A death watch has been placed over him and will remain until he has been executed, which will probably be early in the day.

SEATTLEITE MAKES JAP WOMAN HEIR

SEATTLE, Nov. 18.—William Holt, aged 53, hotel owner, real estate dealer and fruitgrower, who died of tuberculosis last night, bequeathed nearly all of his \$150,000 estate to Miss Joe Susuki, a Japanese woman who had been manager of a large hotel here in which he owned a half interest. Miss Susuki gets Seattle real estate, valuable fruit land in Yakima county, cash and personal effects. The will bequeaths \$7000 to Seattle charities. Holt came to Seattle from Denver sixteen years ago.

ROBBER OF MAILS LEAPS FROM TRAIN

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 18.—Frederick McGaire, a prisoner in the United States penitentiary here, who was being taken to Portland, Or., to stand trial for robbing the United States mails, escaped from his two guards by jumping through the window of a moving passenger train near Sand Point, Idaho, last night, according to a telegram received here today.

AUSTRIAN AIRSHIP DROPS BOMBS UPON BELLUNO, ITALY

BELLUNO, Italy, Nov. 18.—An Austrian aeroplane threw five bombs on the city at 8 o'clock this morning, but only one of them exploded. Three persons were slightly injured. No material damage was done. The report of the aerial raid on Belluno apparently clears up the Rome dispatch sent out last night by the Stefani News agency, which said an Austrian aeroplane appeared "over the city" at 8 o'clock and dropped five bombs.

The name of the place bombarded was not given and it was inferred the dispatch might refer to Rome.

ALLIES VICTORS IN SOUTH SERBIA

PARIS, Nov. 18.—Important successes both for the French and British forces in Serbia are reported by the Athens correspondent of the Hava agency. According to this information, which the correspondent says is official, the Bulgarians have lost the town of Kasturino to the French and have been defeated by the British on the Valondovo-Rabrovo front.

The correspondent, whose dispatch was filed yesterday, adds that according to the latest news received by Athens newspapers, the French won a striking victory over the Bulgarians on the Tithirkowo-Schevo Krussevitsva front. The battle was waged for two days. The French were greatly outnumbered, but used their 3-inch guns with great effect. The Bulgarians are said to have sustained such heavy losses that they gave up the fight and retired northward to the right bank of the Vardar river.

VIOLENT CANNONADE ALONG WEST FRONT

PARIS, Nov. 18.—There has been violent cannonading in the forest of Givenchy, in the Artois district, according to the announcement given out by the French war office this afternoon.

The text of the statement follows: "In the Artois district there has been a violent cannonading in the forest of Givenchy. We have brought about a concentration of the fire of our trench guns against the German positions at Herbecourt, in the valley of the Somme, and we have bombarded very vigorously the German trenches at Autrechon, on the north bank of the river Aisne."

JUSTICE HUGHES NOT CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Refuses to Permit Use of Name in Nebraska Primaries—Declines the Nomination Made by Petition—Consent Not Necessary for Candidate in Nebraska, Says Secretary.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Associate Justice Hughes of the supreme court today notified the secretary of state of Nebraska he would not be a candidate at the coming presidential primary election, and requested that his name not be placed upon the ballot.

The formal declination of Justice Hughes to which he took oath before a notary and which was telegraphed to the secretary of state at Lincoln, was as follows:

Declines Nomination "A petition having been filed with you on November 13, 1915, requesting that my name be placed upon the official primary ballot of the republican party for the primary election to be held in Nebraska on April 18, 1916, as candidate for the office of president of the United States, I hereby notify you that I decline the nomination made by this petition or similar petitions and request that my name shall not be placed upon the ballot for such primary election."

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 18.—The placing of the name of Associate Justice Hughes on the ballot at the coming presidential primaries as a candidate for the nomination of president will rest with the decision of Secretary of State Pool.

May Run Him Anyway Secretary Pool in a message to Justice Hughes' secretary today stated that "this department reserves the right to make such ruling, in the judgment of the secretary of state, as appears to be within his province, but the personal wishes of Justice Hughes will receive most careful consideration."

The Nebraska law provides that the names of candidates shall appear on the ballots upon the filing of his name in a petition signed by twenty-five supporters. The acceptance of the candidate is not necessary. A petition for Justice Hughes has been filed.

Secretary Pool's decision will be made in a few days.

MAY WITHDRAW FROM DARDANELLES

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Baron Ribblesdale, said in the house of lords today in addressing a question to the Marquis of Lansdowne, that he understood Lieutenant General Charles C. Munro, commander of the British expedition at the Dardanelles, had reported in favor of the withdrawal of the British army at the Dardanelles.

The Marquis of Lansdowne announced the government asked Earl Kitchener to visit the eastern Mediterranean, because, in his opinion the report of Sir Charles Munro and the evidence accompanying it did not seem sufficient to enable the government to come to a conclusion upon the great questions of policy involved.

OBREGON CLASHES WITH VILLA FORCE

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 18.—General Obregon was reported early today to have encountered a Villa force of unknown strength south of San Pedro, while conducting a western flank movement on Cananea, Sonora, with an infantry force and a few field pieces.

General Calle's column of infantry and heavy artillery was said to be south of Villa Verde. A censorship on news of troop movements of Obregon's troops.

HOLD INQUEST OVER DEATH OF DEFECTIVE BABE

Coroner's Jury Composed of Six Well-Known Chicago Physicians to Hear Evidence Against Surgeon Who Refused Operation to Save Life of Defective Babe.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Anna Bollinger, mother of the defective infant which was permitted to die yesterday, was told today of the death.

She made no comment except to repeat that denial of the simple operation which would have saved the baby's life was best for all concerned.

A jury of six of the best-known physicians and surgeons of Chicago will be chosen to hear testimony at an inquest over the baby's death, Coroner Hoffman announced. He expected to empanel the jury at once and before night select a date for the inquest.

Hasselton's Statement In a signed statement Dr. Hasselton gave his case:

"I say again that it is our duty to defend ourselves and the future generation against the mentally defective we allow to grow and suffer among us, and add to our burden and our problem. All conscience says it is our duty.

"Farmers select the best stock for reproduction; the best seed, without rust or other disease, for sowing. "Poor humans rely only upon chance, and defectives are as welcome as any to enlarge families. Think of it!

"And only the mother will look after the idiot child. If the mother is taken, the father and brothers and sisters will not care for it. It is pitched into an institution forthwith and there the burden of the poor unfortunate is weighted down even more.

Crime to Herd Defectives "Institutions are an abomination. To herd the insane or the lesser defectives like cattle, as is done, is a crime and a sin. And to make matters worse, this unfortunate class has no attraction that is going to draw the keeper, the guard, the nurse or whoever takes care of it, to greater kindness. Those who take care of the insane, many of them, grow unfeeling, unkind and inhuman.

"Yesterday I was asked to allow that child to live, knowing what I know. I feel toward some of my orphans as I would toward one who would willingly allow a hydrophobic dog to run in a flock of sheep and do as impulse directed, because this one shrank from hurting or crossing the dog.

"If children of some of my orphans were killed or injured by a defective they would see a good reason for checking the supply of the latter in the world. It is only when an argument is brought straight home, into the very core of the home, that reason is born. Too frequently it is true, unfortunately.

Many Tales Pitiable "I have talked to too many mothers of defectives to say otherwise. I have talked to too many mothers of defectives to be swayed in my judgment on this present case. Many of the tales are pitiable.

"One woman I know has a son who is quite sub-normal. He is an excellent swimmer and delights in the exercise. Once I said to her: 'But suppose some time he would drown?' and the mother, with pitiful promptness, answered:

"'Wouldn't that be a blessing?'" "The mother, I knew, did not pray or ask for the boy's drowning. But at least she did not hope against it.

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GALE STOPS FLIGHT OF AVIATION CORPS

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Nov. 18.—Beginning of the flight of the United States army aeroplane squadron from Fort Sill, Okla., to San Antonio was delayed today by high wind. Fort Sill reported a forty-mile gale there, and said it was possible the machines might not attempt to fly today at all.