

DEMobilIZATION  
OF GREEK ARMY  
TO BE ORDERED

Greece Reported to Have Acceded to Demands of Entente Powers to Put Saloniki in State of Defense—Election in Progress—King in Conference.

ATHENS, Dec. 11.—The Greek government has made all arrangements for demobilization of the army. It is expected a decree to this effect will be issued shortly.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—A statement to the effect that the questions at issue between Greece and the entente powers are on the way toward settlement is credited to M. Gounaris, Greek minister of the interior, by the Havas correspondent at Athens. After a meeting of the cabinet council last night M. Gounaris, the correspondent says, made this statement and added that he regarded the diplomatic situation as satisfactory.

## Greece to Accede

It is believed in diplomatic circles at Athens that Greece has decided to accede to the demands of the entente powers relative to the situation of the expeditionary force at Saloniki. It is understood that part of the Greek troops quartered there will be sent away so as not to hinder measures to be taken by the Franco-British forces to put Saloniki in a state of defense.

The electoral congress has opened in the whole of Greece. In the province of Athens the government's supporters are divided and there are likely to be two lists, one supported by the followers of M. Gounaris, minister of the interior, and the other by the adherents of M. Rallis, minister of justice and communications.

## Conference Held

The French minister had his conference of this week with King Constantine this morning. Subsequently the ministers of the entente powers called on Premier Skouloudis. It is learned on good authority that energetic representations were made for the purpose of inducing Greece to hasten action in regard to the facilities demanded for the allied troops at Saloniki. A decisive move on the part of the Greek government is expected momentarily.

The interview given by King Constantine to the Associated Press has been re-published here and has created a sensation.

YAQUIS RAIDING  
AMERICAN COLONY

TOPOLOBAMPO, Dec. 11 (by radio).—Yaqui Indians are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqui valley, according to reports received today from Guaymas. The Richardson Construction company, which owns approximately 1,000,000 acres in the valley, has sent out an appeal to the American consul at Guaymas asking that protection be immediately furnished as the American colony is wholly without protection in the valley where the Indians are reported as raiding farms, driving off stock, burning American harvests and moving toward the experimental station. No American casualties have been reported.

Admiral C. McR. Winslow, who is here with the cruiser San Diego, has directed the cruiser Raleigh, en route from Guaymas to Topolobampo, to proceed to Tobari Bay, which is the nearest approach to the American settlement. The Raleigh is due to arrive there tomorrow.

CHARGES FILED AGAINST  
U. S. CONSUL AT CAIRO

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Investigation is being made of the conduct of Olney Arnold of Rhode Island, American diplomatic agent and consul general at Cairo, Egypt, on charges by American residents, which include unneutral utterances. Mr. Arnold's alleged unneutral utterances are believed to have impaired his efficiency as an officer of the United States.

ALLIED FORCES  
IN SERBIA STILL  
FALLING BACK

Occupation of Gievghi by Bulgars Proves Premature—Present Anglo-French Forces Inadequate to Cope With Enemies, Whose Armies Now Total Million Men.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The latest news from the Balkans indicates that the allies are still falling back, but without suffering the losses endured on the first days of the retreat, when the pursuing Bulgarians attacked rear guards repeatedly. Paris reports that in these actions the French inflicted heavy losses on the pursuers by their artillery fire.

The British public received a shock in the form of a Saloniki dispatch stating that Gievghi had been occupied by the divisions of German troops. Later reports, however, state that this important position is not yet within the range of the invaders' guns. Gievghi is on the Greek frontier near the Vardar river and commands the railroad north from Saloniki. The town first came into prominence during the typhus hospital of Dr. James F. Donnelly of New York, who died in February at Nish. It is generally conceded the present forces of the allies are inadequate to cope with Bulgaria and the central powers, whose armies, according to a statement credited to Premier Radolsavoff of Bulgaria, now number one million men.

According to reports received in Athens from Saloniki, Bulgarians have occupied part of the passes near Demir-Kapu. The French are retreating in good order.

An engagement occurred on the Strumitsa front, where the British are receiving reinforcements, with heavy artillery, from Saloniki. The British are preparing a new line of defense near the Greek border.

French reinforcements continue to arrive at Saloniki. Before leaving Demir-Kapu the French destroyed the railroad tunnel and the bridge over the Vardar.

LIEBKNECHT AGAIN  
BEING PROSECUTED

PARIS, Dec. 11.—The German military authorities have begun fresh proceedings against Dr. Karl Liebknecht, socialist leader of the reichstag, according to the Humanite's correspondent on the Swiss frontier. His prosecution, however, requires the sanction of the reichstag.

News dispatches last March reported that Dr. Liebknecht because of certain political utterances, has been ordered to place himself at the disposal of the German military authorities and that thereafter he must consider himself under military law. He was not to write articles nor was he to be permitted to attend public political meetings, excepting the reichstag and the landtag. Later it was announced that the constitutional rights of members of the reichstag could not thus be abridged and that the government had ordered a discontinuance of the military action.

TILLMAN TO FIGHT  
BANK CHECK TAX

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—"Every time a man wrote a bank check he would have to tick a stamp and curse the democratic party," declared Senator Tillman, democrat, in announcing today that he proposed to fight President Wilson's suggestion that a stamp on bank checks be included in the war revenue law.

"I prefer an increased graduated income tax and whenever a man has an income of one million dollars I would take all in excess of that," Senator Tillman added.

"A million a year is enough for any man and the government needs the money."

YUAN SHI KAI  
PRESIDENT IS  
NOW EMPEROR

1993 Representatives Out of 2043 Vote for Change—Yuan Declines at First, But Shyly Accepts on Second Invitation.

PEKING, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state.

Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy and found that the votes of 1993 representatives out of 2043 qualified to vote on the proposition were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

## Organize Opposition

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic association here, the controlling body of many similar organizations in North and South America, announced today that preliminary measures to oppose the establishment of the Yuan Shi Kai monarchy would be taken at a meeting Sunday. He said the association had considered already the necessity of raising a large fund to further such opposition.

The association, Tong King Chong said, had a membership of nearly 60,000 in the United States and large numbers in Mexico, Canada and South American countries. Tong King Chong was one of the six senators representing China abroad who were elected at Peking in 1913 by an electoral college of 163 delegates to sit in the last senate. He left Peking, he said, after eight months' service because of warnings that threats were made against him. He has been one of the leaders here in organized opposition to restoration of the monarchy.

## Japan to Protest

TOKIO, Dec. 11.—It is considered probable here that Japan, in the name of herself and her allies, will send another friendly note to China with regard to the proposed change of China's form of government to a monarchy.

The entente powers have indicated they do not wish to have the change take place during the war because of disturbances of the peace which it might entail.

EXPLOSION FIRES  
ANOTHER STEAMER

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The British freighter Tynningham, sugar laden, put back toward New York soon after she had passed quarantine today, fire having broken out aboard.

The Tynningham was bound for Liverpool.

December 5, while at the Erie Basin, Brooklyn, fire broke out in hold No. 4, the seat of today's flames. Search at the time disclosed fragments of a broken bottle believed to have contained chemicals which caused the explosion. The Tynningham's cargo was consigned to the British government.

FRENCH BOMBARD  
TRENCHES; REPULSED

BERLIN, Dec. 11, via London.—The French again have bombarded and then attacked the position recently taken by the Germans north-east of Souain, in the Champagne region, but were repulsed, the Germans retaining all their gains, according to official announcement today.

## YUAN SHI KAI ACCEPTS THRONE OF CHINA

FORMER BABY EMPEROR MAY AGAIN RULE CHINA'S 400,000,000



Pu-Yi, upper left hand corner, when he was baby emperor of China. His betrothal to President Yuan Shi Kai's daughter, just announced, is seen as a move to place the boy, now nine years old, on the throne again when China reverts to a monarchy. Yuan, shown to the right, has accepted election as emperor.

ALLIED FORCES  
STILL IN RETREAT  
BEFORE BULGARS

SOFIA, Dec. 11.—The French and British armies continue to fall back before the Bulgarians. The following report was issued at the war office today:

"The French concentrated near Petrovo part of their troops from Demir-Kapu and Gievghi. On Wednesday fighting was resumed on the Petrovo-Marovka front. Our troops captured several positions on the heights and drove back the French to the Vardar."

"Our column which advanced through the Vardar defile defeated the French rear guard near the village of Kelosura, taking 100 prisoners. The column advanced to the left bank of the Vardar and attacked the French positions near the Doluvoda estuary. The French retired to Graden, and, after desperate street fighting there, to Udomo."

"Our troops captured a strong position on the Protan-Mendol line which the Franco-British troops fortified the first day after their arrival. The enemy is retiring south of the Rabrovo-Valandovo line."

This communication, evidently refers to fighting of several days ago which occurred on Serbian territory. Unofficial cable dispatches yesterday said the French and British had quit Serbia. This report, however, has not been confirmed.

UNPRECEDENTED RUSH  
FOR ENLISTMENT

LONDON, Dec. 11.—There was an unprecedented rush this morning at the recruiting stations. Physicians and clerks, nearly exhausted by the work of the last three days, were confronted on arrival at their posts this morning with long lines of men waiting for the opening of the doors.

To handle the crowds the staffs at the recruiting stations have been increased. Enrollment under the Earl of Derby's plan ends at midnight.

AMERICAN NOTE  
PRESENTED AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The American note to Austria-Hungary demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona and reparation for American lives lost on that vessel, reached the Austrian foreign office at Vienna yesterday. The text will be given out by the state department here for publication in Monday morning newspapers.

NAVY YARDS TO  
EQUIP TO BUILD  
BIG BATTLESHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Three navy yards on the Atlantic coast and two on the Pacific would be equipped to build battleships under the plan Secretary Daniels will present to congress.

He said today one of the first dreadnoughts or battle cruisers included in the administration's plan would be built at the Philadelphia yard where an expenditure of \$1,000,000 will be necessary in equipment. He hopes to see the Puget Sound and Norfolk yards equipped eventually for building capital ships.

The result would be to give the government five yards, New York, Philadelphia, Norfolk, Mare Island and Puget Sound, where heavy ships could be laid down. It would mean virtually doubling the battleship building facilities of the country since only five private concerns now are equipped for the work and only three have bid for recent battleship contracts.

STATE TAXES FROM  
JACKSON COUNTY \$88,408

SALEM, Or., Dec. 11.—The state tax commission has approved the state tax levy as submitted to the active members of the commission.

The levy calls for \$2,550,000, which is \$362,000 less than last year. For general state purposes \$1,624,849.92 is provided, as compared with \$2,188,911.06 last year. Other items are: University of Oregon, \$280,348.51; Oregon Agricultural college, \$373,798.91; road purposes, \$223,623.73; and normal school, \$37,379.80. The amount required from Jackson county is \$88,408 as against \$97,278 for 1915.

DUBUQUE BANKERS  
SENT TO PENITENTIARY

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 11.—Joseph Harrigan, former vice-president; George Homan, former cashier; and Charles Siegel, former teller in the Dubuque National bank, were sentenced today in the United States district court to five years each in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

The three former bank officials pleaded guilty to charges of having made false entries on the books of the bank and misappropriating funds approximating \$15,000.

ALLIES DECIDE  
FOR CONTINUING  
WAR IN BALKANS

France and Britain Agree on Military Measures Designed to Assure Security of Forces Landed at Saloniki—Troops Being Withdrawn From Serbia to Saloniki.

PARIS, Dec. 11.—France and Great Britain decided today to continue the campaign in the Balkans, and agreed on military measures designed to assure the security of the expeditionary forces which landed at Saloniki. A semi-official announcement issued this afternoon indicates that the French and British troops are being withdrawn from Serbia.

Questions of an urgent character relating to the conduct of the war were settled on the basis of a complete understanding today at a conference of representatives of France and Great Britain. Premier Briand and War Secretary Gallieni acted for France, and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener for Great Britain.

## Agreement Effectuated

An agreement which has reference to concerted military action in other zones, as well as in the Balkans, was reported by Premier Briand and War Minister Gallieni, the French representatives, and Foreign Secretary Grey and War Secretary Kitchener, acting for Great Britain, who have been in conference in Paris during the last two days.

The semi-official announcement, issued after today's conference, says the principle of maintenance of French and British troops at Saloniki was approved by all the participants and that military measures have been taken to assure the security of the expeditionary corps, which is retreating methodically toward its base.

## Remain at Saloniki

"The allies have made the decision to remain at Saloniki and to send sufficient forces to resume the offensive under favorable conditions," says the Temps.

"The decision is final. It remains to be executed without further loss of time."

"A very strong Franco-British army will end the indecision of King Constantine in a more effective manner than fine words and will open the way to the Russian army, which is waiting on the Danube until Rumania is pleased to let it pass."

RUSSIANS PREPARE  
TO INVADE BALKANS

BERLIN, Dec. 11 (by wireless to Sayville).—Advices received here today indicate that the Russians are hurriedly concentrating troops along the Rumanian border. The Austrian forces in Bukovina also are being reinforced heavily.

A Bucharest dispatch, forwarded by way of Budapest, says that the harbor at Rani, the Russian Danube port at which troops have been concentrated for some time, has been closed to passenger and freight traffic since Monday because of the forthcoming arrival of additional transport ships.

Three Russian warships sailed on Monday from Rani for Kilia on the Danube, near the entrance to the Black sea. The dispatch says that the Russians are erecting large munitions depots along the Danube, near the delta. Russian officers assert an attack is soon to be made on Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina.

Railway traffic with Russia over the line through Ungui, on the northern Rumanian border, has been suspended since Saturday of last week. Telephone and telegraph communication with Bessarabia also has been suspended. Ten thousand Russian soldiers are constructing a railroad line from Rani thirty miles eastward to Ismail.

BELGIUM MUNITION FACTORY  
AT HAVRE IS BLOWN UP

HAVRE, France, Dec. 11.—The munitions factories of the Belgian government here were destroyed today by an explosion. Extensive damage was done and many persons were injured.

WILD SCENES  
DURING CLOSING  
OF RECRUITING

Great Excitement in London and Other British Cities—Time for Closing Campaign Extended Until Midnight Sunday—England Wakes Up to Necessity for Action.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—London, except perhaps in the closing hours of a heated general election, has never witnessed such scenes as virtually the whole city presented this afternoon, with the Earl of Derby's recruiting period extended today to close at midnight tomorrow, having little more than twenty-four hours to run.

## Weather No Bar

In every section of the city recruits came forward in droves to be attested. Tens of thousands of workmen, clerks and shopgirls spent their half holiday in the parks and the streets watching and participating in the recruiting work. Among them were thousands of soldiers in khaki, both new recruits and veterans with many convalescent wounded men, including numerous Australians, Canadians, Highlanders and Indian troops. There was thick mud under foot and occasional heavy showers fell, but the parks as well as the streets remained crowded, while bands marched about playing patriotic airs.

All the newsboys carried placards calling upon men to enlist.

In the parks and open squares speech-making was in progress. In the hotels, restaurants, on the trams and busses and on the street corners everybody was engaged in discussing enlistment and the question of voluntary service versus conscription, was argued hotly.

## Similar Scenes Elsewhere

Reports of similar scenes came from provincial towns.

Announcement of the extension of time for the recruiting plan was cheered when the newspapers spread the news.

The official announcement says: "It should be understood clearly by every available man, especially single men, at present unattested, that the opportunity offered carries with it an equal responsibility to present himself today or tomorrow, and so add to the volume of evidence now presented to other nations—allied, neutral or hostile—that the determination of the country is resolute to prosecute the war to a victorious conclusion."

SAFE CONDUCT  
ASKED FOR BOY-ED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Secretary Lansing will immediately ask Great Britain and France, through their embassies here, for safe conduct for Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, respectively naval and military attaches of the German embassy here, pursuant to the request of Emperor William, who personally recalled the officers. Withdrawal of the attaches had been requested by the secretary because of their alleged activities which rendered them persona non grata to the American government.

There was some speculation here today as to whether Great Britain and France would, in event the two German attaches leave this country, demand that they go under parole, pledging themselves not to participate in the European war.

VILLA PLANNING  
CAMPAIGN IN SOUTH

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Villa officials of Juarez announced today that General Juan Banda, commanding 4000 Villa troops now at Casas Grandes, has sent a detachment of 200 soldiers to strengthen the Juarez garrison and would hold the remainder of his force for orders from General Villa, now at Madera, Chihuahua. It was said Villa plans a campaign to the south and would not come to Juarez.